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# Post Office to axe 16,000 in new surge of job losses

Calls for a strategy for recovery are being renewed after more job losses. Amid signs of growing union unrest 85,000 redundancies have been announced in the past three months

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE autumn wave of job losses turned to a flood yesterday with the announcement of another 18,000 redundancies - 16,200 of them in the Post Office alone. A further 7,000 were signalled in other areas.

The losses bring the number of redundancies announced since the start of September. when the latest round of job cuts started, to more than

Yesterday's cuts came as motor industry unions disclosed that they were holding a ballot about an all-out strike at Ford over redundancies and as leaders of both sides of British industry said that they would urge John Major next week to take action on unempiovment, Industrial analysts see no sign of the current wave of redundancies easing. As well as the huge cuts at the Post Office, 1,300 job losses were announced at Royal Ordnance and 200 at Lloyd's, the London insurance market. In



lition, the unions at Ford that the company was ut to disclose more job s, perhaps as many as

> ish Coal, which has y announced plans to of 30,000 miners, said further 4,000 jobs ne lost unless the govt intervened in the y market. However, uners' jobs could be L and 13 of the pits d for closure saved. oposals submitted by coal to the governsed on limiting gas ar power, and elecports. Neil Clarke, n Coal chairman. lay that the ten pits mined under the

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would be unlikely to reopen. The large-scale cuts prompted fierce clashes in the Com-The only way to create longterm sustainable jobs is to create the right policies that

Mail would have to go in the next five years as well as 1.200

jobs at Post Office Counters. The Royal Mail jobs are going primarily because of nology, which the Post Office hopes will be used on all letters by 1995. In London, where at least four large sorting offices are to be closed and as many as 5,300 jobs will be lost by March 1996, the recession and companies moving out of the capital have hit business. The Post Office has the capacity to handle six million items a day, but it is processing only

down for privatisation. The Post Office is introducing an extensive package to ease the cuts and to increase labour flexibility, including help with housing, travel and other costs for employees who are moving to bring about

ish Aerospace, did not rule out compulsory redundancies when it announced 1.300 job losses - more than 17 per cent blamed competition in overseas markets and the need to cut costs. Jobs will be lost at all

Lloyd's said it was cutting 200 staff, but it was confident

job cuts yesterday when it

mons. John Smith, the Labour leader, described the Post Office announcement as staggering, and demanded to know what the prime minister proposed to do to fight the cancer of unemployment. Mr Major said everyone egretted job losses, but added:

produce long-term sustainable growth. That is precisely what we are putting in place."

In a bad week for employment, with 900 job losses already confirmed at the Cammell Laird shipyard in Birkenhead, the biggest cuts yesterday were announced by the Post Office, which said that 15,000 jobs in the Royal

3.5 million. Bill Cockburn, Royal Mail chief executive, said there would be no compulsory redundancies as the cuts would achieved "painlessly" through natural wastage, running at 5 per cent a year. He denied Labour claims that the Post Office was being slimmed

more efficient working. Royal Ordnance, the arms manufacturer owned by Britof its workforce. The company the company's 1 i plants.

that it could avoid compulsory redundancies. Courtaulds. the textile group, said it expects to lose another 450 jobs in the second half of this year. The government backed away from more large-scale

announced a further delay in the long-awaited decision on the future of the Rosyth dockyard in Fife. Closure would put 14,000 people out of work.



64 INJURED AS DOUBLE BOMB STRIKE HITS MANCHESTER

Blast trauma: a young woman caught in the second explosion is helped away from the city centre

# IRA 'delayed' warning call

By Paul Wilkinson and Ronald Faux

TWO small terrorist bombs containing little more than 2lb of high explosive apiece dislocated the entire centre of Manchester yesterday. Sixty-four people needed hospital treatment, mostly for shock or minor injuries caused by flying glass, but the effect to the business community of the city will run into hundreds of thousands of pounds.

The prime minister voiced "disgust" in the Commons yesterday over IRA bomb blasts, although he did not directly refer to the Manchester attacks. Mr Major, noting the poor turnout for Sinn Fein at the recent Irish election, said: "I think that reflects the disgust that is felt, not only in this country but also in the Republic of Irethe IRA seek to bomb, kill and damage people's lives

indiscriminately Offices and shops were closed and the city centre was barred to traffic as police bomb disposal experts carried out more than ten controlled ages. None was a bomb.

John Patterson, assistant chief constable of Greater Manchester, accused the IRA of having planted the bombs to cause as much panic and disruption as possible and then deliberately giving confused warnings.

Some of those who escaped the first blast were shepherded by police away from the scene to the area near the cathedral, only to be caught minutes later. Commander



land Yard's anti-terrorist squad, who was helping with the investigation, said it was a terrorist tactic to send confused messages, intended to shift the blame from the IRA The first explosion, which

David Tucker, head of Scot-

came without a warning, was outside a tax office in a street parallel to the main shopping avenue of Deansgate at 8.39am as people were arriv-ing for work, showering them

IAAF was "malicious" in its

treatment of Reynolds, the

1988 Olympic silver medal

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#### BBC errors cost £60m

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC has disclosed that a series of television accounting errors made three years ago is likely to result in an overspend of more than £60 million. three times the sum the corporation originally admitted last September.

An investigation by a governors' audit committee showed vesterday that BBC television overspent by £38 million in the ratings battle with indepen-

destined this year to overspend by a sum exceeding £20 mil-tion. But the BBC pledged "remedial action" to keep this year's overspend "well below"

last year's figure.
BBC1 and BBC2 have already been ordered to cut £20 million off next year's programme budgets, jeopardising the quality of next year's autumn schedules at the very time the BBC was hoping to make headway in the ratings battle with independrama series have been canceiled

Will Wyatt, managing di-rector of BBC television. apologised to viewers for the overspend, which he admitted would lead to more repeats in the new year. "We have had to reschedule our programmes to spread out what we have got. There will be more repeats. but we have done it in a way so it is not clearly evident to viewers," he said. "What has happened is deeply regret-Continued on page 2. col 7

#### Athlete wins £17m

A US federal court yesterday awarded £17.67 million (\$27.3 million) in damages to Harry "Butch" Reynolds, the world 400 m record-holder, in his suit against the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF). It is sport's largest damages settlement (John Goodbody writes). The IAAF is appealing, but if it loses and fails to pay, all

international meetings in the United States, including the 1996 Olympic Games, could

The court ruled that the

winner, who was barred from competing for two years after a positive drugs test in Monte Carlo on August 12, 1990. The IAAF extended the ban until January I. 1993, when Reynolds took part in the 1992 Olympic trials after a US Supreme Court ruling. The IAAF said last night

that American courts had no jurisdiction in this case.

# Major rejects combat role for troops in Bosnian war

By Nicholas Wood and Michael Binyon

Britain's policy on Serbian aggression in Bosnia yesterday by announcing that, while considering military action to enforce the "no-fly" zone, it was not planning to commit troops to a combat role.

The prime minister said: "If further action is needed to enforce the no-fly zone, that is something that we would cer-tainly wish to consider with our allies and partners in the United Nations. But we have no immediate plans to go further." By qualifying his remarks, Mr Major seemed to be leaving open the possibility that if the Serbs attack Kosovo, which is 90 per cent ethnic Albanian, Britain and its allies may harden their stance. In a sideswipe at his critics, the prime minister said it was all too easy to be be heroic with the lives of other people".

UN peacekeepers in the former Yugoslavia halted all flights for 48 hours yesterday ulter an aircraft carrying the UN commander in Bosnia, Major General Philippe Morillon, from Sarajevo was hit by small-arms fire. It landed safely in Zagreb and nobody was hurt.

President Gligorov of Macedonia went to Downing Street European Community should lift its refusal to recognise his isolated country under the name of Macedonia. Failure to reach agreement could lead to an EC row and the danger of conflict in the region.

Officials played down talk of Britain pushing for any change in the role of the UN forces in Bosnia, and said that no other Community country was yet calling for any offensive action against the Serbs. They conceded, however, that Britain was now looking at possible military responses to

Serbian agression, as well as ways of tightening sanctions. Britain may also call for the stationing of UN troops in Kosovo, where a small mission of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe is monitoring the stand-off be-tween the Albanian majority

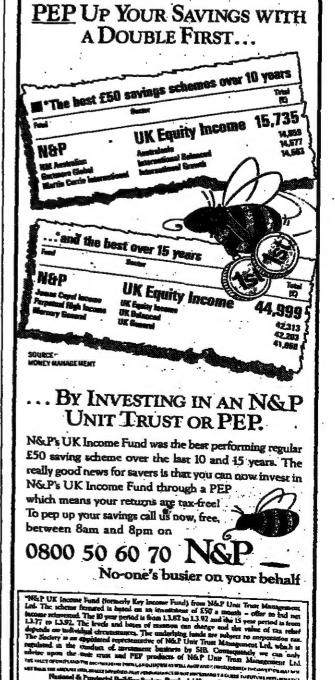
and the Serbian authorities. Saudi Arabia yesterday gave a warning that some Islamic states would break the arms embargo on the former Yugoslavia if the UN does not end "Serb aggression against Bos-nia's Muslims" by January 15. But Prince Saud al-Faisal said that the Islamic world was committed to peace efforts and "no one wanted to see the

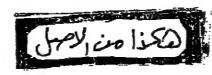
British troops in Bosnia came under fire from opposing sides for the first time yesterday. In separate incidents, artillery fire was aimed at the British UN comingent near the Serb frontline at Turbe and Muslim gunmen appeared to aim automatic fire at soldiers outside their base

ber Islamic Conference Organisation set the UN a 44-day ing military intervention and calling for a lifting of the arms embargo that is blocking supplies to Bosnia's Muslims. Earlier, Douglas Hurd, the

foreign secretary, and Mal-colm Riffond, the defence secretary, had reported to the cabinet on the latest developments and attended a meeting of the overseas and defence

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An almighty crump shook the building ... then people really began to feel afraid



Rocked by the bombers: two men shield themselves as the blast of the second IRA explosion shakes the centre of Manchester yesterday

# Ninety minutes of terror and panic as bombs strike heart of Manchester

People sheltering in

BY RONALD FAUX AND PAUL WILKINSON

NINETY minutes of terror the city were received by the Samaritans and the BBC ten minutes after the first device exploded at 8.39am. It was Police anxious to direct people away after the first blast planted in a flower bed outside during the morning rush hour Alberton House, a tax office unwittingly shepherded them

towards a second and bigger bomb 300 yards away, near the city's cathedral. Sixty-four people were injured and shops and offices in the heart of

Manchester's business district were severely damaged. Anonymous telephone calls

warning that four devices had injured were taken to hospitals in Manchester and Salford. where emergency procedures were put into operation. One victim. Neil Tattersall, had been cleared from the Argos off Bridge Street. The blast shattered windows in the building and the block next door, Cardinal House, showstore where he worked and was standing in the street near ering office workers with glass the Amdale Centre when the and wreckage and leaving a second bomb exploded, firing shrapnel into his back.

large crater in the roadside. The explosions caused panic in the city centre. Injured workers and passers-by, cut by flying glass and bleeding, scattered and looked despergrounds were caught by the second blast, which went off in ately for safety and help. The Street at 10.09am. The first explosion was close

to Kendal's department store. Nicky Walker, a shop manageress, was less than 100 yards away: "I have never seen or heard anything like it in my life. Shattered glass was thrown everywhere. People were running away screaming. Staff poured out of Kendal's in panic. It is beyond belief how anyone could plant Manchester Cathedral a bomb in a busy area like this

These people dearly don't

our cabin and it suddenly rocked. We did not know what the hell was happening and then a man came running out of one of the buildings stream-

ing in blood."
Fred Presseler, a computer worker whose office is near Alberton House, said he and his colleagues were showered with glass at their desks. "I am lucky to be alive. I had ordered sandwiches by phone and was when the bomb went off. If it had exploded a minute later, I would have been next to it."

Robert Levy and Nathan Marks heard the first explosion and saw the window of their office blow in. "It happened in slow motion. Had we been sitting at our desks we would have been decapitated. The bang, shock and vibration were terrible."

The Right Rev Colin Scott, acting Bishop of Manchester, described the explosions as a cynical attempt to disrupt the city and its Christmas trade. "I can see no way how the problems of Northern Ireland can be solved by murdering and maining innocent civilians." he said.

A man working in the bishop's office said that people were herded from the first blast to the cathedral for safety. The building has thick blast-proof walls and was marked as a safe refuge in security alerts. "At first, people seemed to be a little irritated that they were unable to get to work," he said. "But the second explosion changed all that. There was an almighty crump that shook the building, and then people really began to feel afraid."

Graham Stringer, leader of Manchester City Council, appealed to Mancunians not to be intimidated by terrorism. "They are trying to damage the working life and the economy of the city. We must not let that happen."

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17 years on, **Imbert** remembers

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

IN JULY 1975, Sir Peter Imbert, then a superintendent in the Bomb Squad, stood in the White Tower of the Tower of London and watched some of the 30 people injured in an IRA bombing being carried away. The blast had ripped through a throng of tourists. killing one and causing devas-

Now a Commissioner for the Metropolitan Police who has spent much of his career fighting terrorism, he conceded that little had changed. Of vesterday's bombings he said: cannot get through to them to show them they are achieving

absolutely nothing.
"The only conclusion is that there really has to be a resolution, whether through a political settlement or indeed exhaustion that their bombing campaign is going to achieve them nothing."

Sir Peter was speaking as he revisited the Tower to make a presentation to East End children supporting a crime prevention campaign. No warning was received in time to save the tourists in the Tower or the Christmas shoppers in the Arndale Centre

The TRA has consistently said in recent years that it is not at war with the British public and has blamed the police for incompetence when there have been casualties. This has infuriated the police, who resent IRA messages even being termed "warnings". They believe they are just an aspect of a propaganda strategy designed to show the authorities in a bad light.

That the bombers have switched to another city after the failure of three bomb attempts in London is no great surprise to the police. Up to 40 IRA members may be involved but with only a handful on the mainland at any one time. It is widely accepted that there is at least one group in the South and another in the

The switch to Manchester is likely to add pressure for a national anti-terrorist squad.

**MATTHEW PARRIS** 

#### Molluscs rise to cockleshell hero

proved a lucky dip of the exotic, the hilari-

"Flooding: Wales" to which English MPs burried, interested to find out how long it would take to flood Wales. president of the board of rade for a "one-stop shop". With Heseltine at the check-

tions, starting with question I about fraudulent farmers. asking about this? The last time we noticed David Martin (C. Portsmouth South) transferred to his interest to day spared the opposition cries of "Give us a kiss" and "Hello, sailor".

Our perplexity deepened as the rich Welsh tones of Gareth Wardell (Lab., Gowabout "processing bivalve inating ministerial reply had Wardell back on his feet is no way, Madam Speaker, Pengower" who had been "cockle-gathering since the with new rules. Added, now. to Jones-the-milk and Dithe-post, Gareth-the-cockle will be the toast of bivalve molluses all along the Gow-

Brows still furrowed, we lament from Anthony Steen (C, South Hams). The question was about agricultural farmers are paid not to constituency that ramblers flying golf balls than from bullets on the military training ground on Dartmoor.

sided when the enormous Nicholas Soames - gourmet, food minister and butter mountain - rose to agree with a backbench colleague that planners were often too obstructive. The countryside cannot be preserved in aspic," roared Soames. "If it could, you'd eat it," shouted a Labour wag, to general merriment.

Merriment increased when Blackpool's Nick Hawkins, a young Tory who and asked ministers "to join me in congratulating Pixie House Mushrooms" who award ... Hawkins paused ... "sponsored by First Lei-

sure ple".
"After that short break."
began the secretary of state.
John Gummer, in reply. All good stuff. But did the

(Lab, Burnley)? And, when had nainted a mouth-water ing North Sea picture of "all those haddock out there" and declared to the nation's fishermen that "if we find there is much as one fish to catch it," did Madam Speaker have to call out, barely suppressing a giggle: "Mr Salmon!" Alex Salmond (SNP, Banff and Buchan) rose, with all hope of his question receiving

serious notice already lost. When Madam Speaker addressed lain Sproat (C. comic possibilities of food, farming and fisheries ques-tions had been all but -

t prime minister's took a turn for the equally bizarre but suddenly serious, Labour's Chris Mullin, one of the Commons' self-styled parliamentary sleuths, questionnaire at the PM which, he said. Mr Major (then an unheard-of junior September 1986. Major had Mullin, to the proposition that Freemasons in any high public office should declare their affiliation. Was that

still his view? before Major replied, I fancied that almost every mind in the House turned to the exquisite dilemma of how poor John Major would get out of that one. He got out of it in a way which few with could have guessed. "Yes,"

It was left to the Tories' Derek Conway to propose a name for the public holiday which will replace May Day. "In the new spirit of European co-operation," he said, how about Trafalgar Day, or Agincourt Day, or Waterloo Day?" With his eye on next week's Edinburgh summit, but unable not to smile, the prime minister fudged his reply.

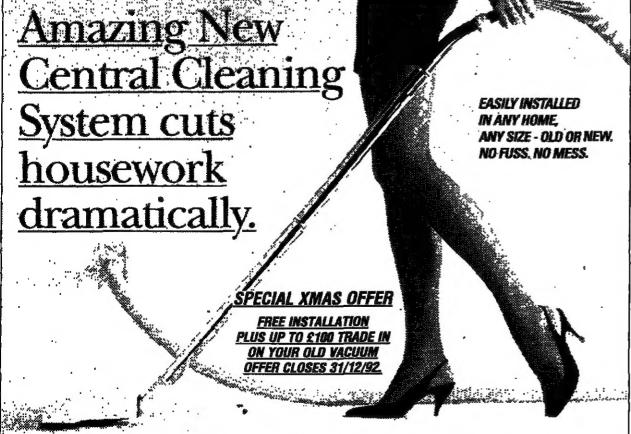
#### TV accounting errors cost £60m, BBC says

Continued from page i table." Although the over-spend was discovered by Mr Wyatt last May, the BBC did not disclose it in its annual report. "The BBC need only report on its overall budget," Mr Wyatt said.

Yesterday's admission came two months after Sir Michael Checkland, the outgoing director-general and an accountant, said that "flaws" in the accounting process had led to a E20 million projected deficit. His statement was prompted by disclosures in *The Times* last September that the overspend was between £50 million and £70 million. Lord Barnett, vice-chairman of the governors and chairman of the audit committee, said: "The overspends are of grave

concern to the board. Remedial action has been taken." The muddle was caused by a number of factors. Mr Wyatt said money freed by cuts in overheads three years ago had been allocated twice for the commissioning of proalso been blamed on increased expenditure on independent production at the same time as the in-house production pay-roll and resources levels have

been maintained. Earlier this week Ian Phillips, the corporation's director of finance, resigned. But last night the BBC again denied that Mr Phillips's resignation was linked to the overspend. but BBC sources said that Lord Barnett had suggested



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# Clarke joins call for justice watchdog

By RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH Clarke has called for the creation of an independent body to investigate alleged wrongful convic-tions and decide whether cases should be sent to the Court of Appeal.

He joins the growing consensus of senior politicians. Home Office officials and members of the legal system supporting the establishment of an organisation with the power to carry out enquiries into alleged miscarriages

Mr Clarke disclosed his support for an independent body yesterday when the second report on the May enquiry into the case of the Maguire Seven was published. The Maguire Seven's convictions for operating an IRA bomb factory were quashed by the appeal court last year.

In his report, Sir John May, a former appeal court judge, says the new

machinery should have the power and resources to investigate alleged wrongful convictions, including the authority to call for all documents and exhibits. It would then refer the results of its enquiries to the appeal court for adjudication. In a written parliamentary answer, Mr Clarke said he had put forward the same proposals when he

gave evidence recently to the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice. Sir John's 97-page report says that a serious miscarriage of justice. The report largely clears the prosecuting authorities over their decision to press ahead with the case in spite of concern expressed by the then attorney-general, the late Lord Silkin, about the adequacy of the evidence against the Maguire Seven. He says prosecution counsel was "substantially misled by the scientists". The report adds that "the context of the prevailing bombing campaign

and the atmosphere of the trial are

likely to have made it impossible for them to make a wholly objective and dispassionate appraisal of the admissi-

ble evidence alone".

Home Office ministers and officials also escape blame for the way they handled representations about the case. Sir John says that officials in the C3 department, which dealt with alleged wrongful convictions, operated within Home Office criteria. But he adds that the criteria left no room for references based on "lurking doubts" that might be felt by officials or

He reserves his strongest criticisms for the government scientists who failed to disclose details of tests and experiments carried out for the trial. "It has been shown that the whole scientific basis upon which the prosecution was founded was in truth so vitlated that on this basis alone the Court of Appeal should be invited to set aside the convictions."

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# Gifted pupil is a sad little boy, says his former head

Schools must try to balance the intellectual needs of gifted youngsters with ensuring that they have a happy childhood

> By JOHN O'LEARY **EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT**

THE gifted four-year-old who has started university classes was described yesterday by the principal of his former school as "a very sad little boy" who may never know a happy childhood.

Publicity last weekend had blamed two schools attended by Nicholas MacMahon for failing to cater for his high intelligence, frustrating him with a diet of colouring books. He is now taking computer lessons at the West London Institute, part of Brunel

University.

Madeleine Harvey, head of Coniston School, in Reigate, Surrey, said yesterday that Nicholas had attended classes for only three mornings and had been given individual attention. Unlike other gifted children attending the inde-pendent primary school, he had been unable to adapt

Mrs Harvey said in a letter to *The Times*: "Nicholas Mac-Mahon, for the brief time he was with us, walked around with shoulders hunched, head bent, unable to communicate with anyone very well, with hands over his ears to block out the noise of other people—and we are a small and relatively peaceful school. This may be because he is used to one-to-one relationships but society, and certainly schools, are composed of grains of are composed of groups of people. I have to say that we

Nicholas has been said by Valsa Koshy, his tutor at the institute, to possess "absolutely remarkable, profound intelligence". Mrs Harvey, who worked with him, found him gifted but did not have the opportunity to assess the ex-

found Nicholas a very sad little



Nicholas: now going to university classes

tent of his brilliance. "You can imagine our surprise on seeing in the newspapers that and disruptive, that his teachers could not cope and had given him colouring to do." Mrs Harvey wrote. "This most

certainly was not the case." Nicholas was accepted at Coniston for a two-week trial but attended only three times, compared with two mornings at his previous nursery school.

Mrs Harvey said. The school then suggested ending the arrangement. "It is difficult to do anything for a child who is not attending school."

The school has 90 pupils and between three and eight

aged between three and eight. A five-year-old pupil has also been assessed as outstandingly gifted and the school considers

itself well-equipped to cater for unusually bright children. Mrs Harvey, who has 25 years' experience of senior school language teaching, wrote: "We believe strongly at this school that a child is entitled to a happy childhood and we work hard to contribute to that. I very much fear that this is something Nicho-las MacMahon will never

Peter MacMahon, Nicholas's father, declined yesterday to respond to Mrs Harvey's comments. There are lots of things I could say, but we have had enough. I don't want to say anything at the moment."

Nicholas spoke fluently before he was one, taught himself to read and now identifies inserts by their I stin names.

insects by their Latin names and reads encyclopaedias. His parents cannot afford the fees at other private schools dedicated to teaching the gifted.

Nicholas's parents are considering teaching him at home. Mr MacMahon said on Sunday: "We don't believe in pushing him into doing exams at an early age or achieving anything in particular. We let him set the pace." ☐ Arson in schools costs education authorities £75 million a year, the equivalent of building 15 secondary schools, research commissioned by the government has shown. An unpublished report by academics at Sheffield University, quoted last night on BBC2's Public Eve, finds that one in six schools suffers fire each year, and arson is suspected in 71 per cent of cases.



Designer's touch: Christian Lacroix makes a last-minute inspection of the costumes he created for Waltz of the Flowers, one of the highlights from The Nutcracker performed by English National Ballet in last night's ball celebrating the work's hundredth anniversary. The evening was held in the Foreign Office's Durbar Court

#### Footballer cleared of assault

A FOOTBALLER was yesterday found not guilty of "cyni-cally and deliberately" thrusting his elbow into an opponent's face during a mid-air duel for the ball.

In a rare prosecution over an incident on the field during a Football League match, the Brentford striker Gary Bissett, 28, had denied causing grievous bodily harm to John Uzzell, a Torquay United defender, on December 14

The jury at Salisbury Crown Court reached its verdict after seeing a video recording of the incident, which had led to Mr Blissett being sent off. Mr Blissett, of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, said it was an accident as the two players jumped for the ball. His sole intention had been to win the

Mr Uzzell, 33, had to be operated on for injuries that included a fractured left cheek bone and eye socket floor. After the hearing, he said he would see a medical specialist to discuss whether he could resume playing professionally.

#### **Drink-drivers offered** chance to reduce ban

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

THOUSANDS of drink-drivers may have their driving bans reduced under a pilot scheme to help them deal with alcohol abuse.

Magistrates at 28 courts from the Western Isles to central London will have the power to offer offenders the chance to pay about £150 for rehabilitation courses lasting 16 to 30 hours. If the course is completed successfully, the driving ban may be cut by up

to a quarter.

The aim of the three-year experiment, which starts next year, is to cut the number of people who commit more drink-drive offences. Ten per cent of the 100,000 motorists convicted annually re-offend within three years.

Rehabilitation courses in the United States and Germany, which have operated since the 1970s, have had some success in reducing repeat offences. In Germany 13.5 per cent of those who attended a course on alcohol behaviour re-offended, compared with 17.7 per cent of those who did not. Kenneth Carlisle, transport minister, said: "The courses will provide a real opportunity to change an offender's attitude before he or she drives again. It will

not be a soft option." The courses will give infor-mation about alcohol consumption and its effect on driving ability and behaviour, and may include shock tactics such as pictures of the injuries caused by drink-driving incidents.

Twelve thousand offenders are expected to take part in the nect but the courses will not be open to anyone convicted of a drink-driving offence in which someone has been killed. Accepting a place on one will be voluntary but an offender must have a 100 per cent attendance record before the magistrates court will consider reducing the length of a

The government will launch its annual Christmas campaign against drink-driving on Monday. Seven hundred of the annual 4,500 road deaths are estimated to be linked to drink-driving.

#### Oxford suicide a mystery

AN inquest yesterday failed to resolve why an 18-year-old student hanged herself just days after taking her place at Oxford University. Nicholas Gardiner, the

Oxford coroner, said he was satisfied that Tracey Cole had intended to kill herself. Miss Cole, who was reading English at Lady Margaret Hall, had taken her own life by hanging herself with the cord irom gown

Her parents, Christopher and Margaret Cole, of Exeter, Devon, heard the coroner say: "It may have been simply a mo-ment of despair and nothing more than that. Tragically, the means were at her disposal."

Miss Cole's body was found on October 15 in the room into which her parents had helped her umpack her belongings just a week earlier.

#### Court bans shoplifter from all major stores

By A STAFF REPORTER

A WOMAN was yesterday banned from every department store and supermarket in Britain after a rash of shoplifting offences. Magis-trate Roy Sanderson imposed the blanket ban on Sally Sparks, 22, as a condition of bail at London's Marlborough Street court.

Sparks, unemployed, of Poplar, East London, had appeared in court on a shoplifting charge for the second successive day. She had several previous convictions and io de in dreach of a conditional discharge and a probation order, both for

Yesterday, Sparks admitted stealing two T-shirts from British Home Stores in Oxford Street in October and failing to appear in court on November 17. She was kept in custody overnight after being granted bail by Thames magistrates on Wednesday on a charge of stealing food from a branch of Tesco in East London, which she also admitted Mr Sanderson remanded Sparks to appear at Tucker.

Thames court on December 30 for sentence. ☐ An animal-rights activist who carried out a smokebomb attack on McDonald's in High Street, Kensington, southwest London, has been barred from all the company's branches as a condition of bail after a jury at Southwark Crown Court, South London. convicted him of affray. The assistant recorder

Timothy Workman, warned Christopher Tucker, 29, that although he was being anowed pan weeks it would take to prepare pre-sentence reports, there was a real prospect of him being sent to jail. Geoffrey Gelbart, for the

prosecution, said Tucker, who has a previous conviction for a paint-spray attack on Mc-Donald's, threw across the counter what staff first thought was a bomb. An Iraqi politician's son who worked part-time in the restaurant snatched the smoking device and hurled it into the street. Staff then chased and caught



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# Thousands of lecturers at risk after jobs ruling

Fear of compulsory redundancy will be raised among lecturers after a test-case judgment by the country's highest court

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

yesterday lost a long-running test battle over whether senior lecturers can count on keeping their jobs until retirement without fear of being made redundant on cost-cutting

In a ruling thought to have implications for the jobs of some 18,000 senior lecturers, five law lords, headed by Lord Keith, unanimously dismissed an appeal by Professor Edgar Page, a philosophy lecturer made redundant by Hull University in October 1988.

The law lords upheld the centuries-old immunity of University Visitors from scrutiny by the courts. They said

ny by the courts. They said they had no power to review a decision by a Visitor where he had not acted outside his jurisdiction or abused his powers: and could not interfere in Professor Page's case. Lord Griffiths added, though, that he was satisfied that in this case the Visitor's decision was

Since a ruling in 1694, the common law has recognised that "the Visitor acting as a judge has exclusive jurisdiction, and that his decision is final in all matters within his jurisdiction," Lord Griffiths

"The common law courts have through three centuries consistently resisted all attempts to appeal decisions of the visitor," he said. "If it is thought that the exclusive iurisdiction of the Visitor has outlived its usefulness, which I beg to doubt, then I think it should be swept away by Parliament and not undermined by judicial review."

Professor Page, 61, whose case was backed by the 31,000-strong Association of University Teachers, was the first don to be made compulsorily redundant. Younger dons are not involved because their

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A UNIVERSITY professor contracts contain redundancy

provisions. Professor Page was granted a tenured appointment at Hull in 1966 to run until a retirement age of 67. He claimed the university's decision to make him redundant because of its financial difficulties was unlawful because it was contrary to its charter and statutes, which stated that staff could be dismissed only for incompetence or gross

misconduct. The university's decision was upheld by the University Visitor - a law lord and privy visuor — a law loru and privy counsellor appointed on behalf of the Queen to review the case — in October 1989, but quashed by means of judicial review by the High Court. The Court of Appeal then upheld the university's case.

Lord Browne-Wilkinson

said yesterday that the Visitor was applying not the general law of the land but a "peculiar, domestic law" of which he was the sole arbiter and with which the courts were not concerned.

Judicial review could not therefore be used to impeach the decisions of a Visitor taken within his jurisdiction on questions of either fact or law, although it could be used against him where he acted outside his jurisdiction, abused his powers or acted in breach of the rules of natural justice.

Consequently the High Court had no jurisdiction to hear Professor Page's applica-tion for judicial review of the Visitor's decision in his case. The Association of Univer-

sity Teachers said it was profoundly disappointed" that the House of Lords had not upheld the High Court decision that Professor Page's dismissal was unlawful.





Fingering the Triads: secret hand signals revealed in the case and, right, Wai Hen Cheung, the hitman who turned supergrass. The signals are used by the leader of a Triad lodge, top left, a branch leader, top right, and a lesser member, bottom right. The bottom left signal shows that a member has carried out a serious crime

#### Five cleared of Triad shooting conspiracy

FIVE Chinese men were acquitted at the Old Bailey yesterday of plotting to shoot a Hong Kong businessman during an alleged Triad pow-er struggle. The jury, which spent nearly three days deciding the verdicts, was discharged after failing to reach a decision on a sixth defendant.

Lam Ying Kit was shot four times at close range in London's Chinatown last September. He was believed to have been trying to take over the Triad Shui Fongs in Britain and was crippled as a warning to others, the prose-

Wai Hen Cheung is awaiting sentence after admitting the shooting. He gave evidence for the prosecution in the trial of the six. The defence suggested that he may have Leading article, page 21 accused his enemies while a glass of wine

protecting his real Triad

The five cleared of plotting to cause Mr Lam grievous bodily harm were Shui Cheung Wan, Tak Kam Chow. Chong Chi Chan, Wai Yuen Liu and Wai Wan Ho. The jury could not reach a decision on Wai Ming Tang, who may now face a retrial.

Wai Ming Tang and Shui Cheung Wan were later con-victed of attempting to pervert the course of justice in trying to stop Wai Hen Cheung from talking to the police. They will be sentenced later.

During the trial, Wai Hen Cheung described the rituals of Triad initiation ceremonies. He claimed that they were often held in basements of Chinese restaurants. Blood was pricked from a finger into

#### Baby mix-up may be linked to fire alert

By Lin Jenkins

MIDWIVES conducting the to another hospital until blood enquiry into the possibility tests prove the parentage. that two babies were sent home with the wrong mothers are to investigate whether the mix-up happened during a

fire alert. On November 24, when the baby girls were born within hours of each other, an alarm sounded after cigarette smoke set off a smoke detector at the Princess Anne Maternity Hospital in Southampton.

When one infant went home last Friday she was found to have an identity tag on her ankle bearing the wrong name. The other baby was found to have tags on her ankle and wrist bearing different names. One couple have

Peter Campion, spokesman

for the hospital, said: "There would have been confusion on the ward and mistakes could have happened then. It appears someone was smoking under a detector and that set the alarm off. There was a fair amount of chaos." The babies look similar and

have no distinguishing marks. Blood tests to establish parentage will take up to a fortnight at two private laboratories. Quicker tests are available, but they require tissue samples or are less accurate.

The Royal College of Midwives yesterday reissued guidelines on name tags to

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Doctor in lethal jab case returns to work

Dr Nigel Cox, the hospital consultant convicted of the attempted murder of a terminally ill patient, will return to his job in February, his employers said yesterday. The decision marks the end of a 15-month ordeal for Dr Cox, 47, who has been suspended on full pay since a nursing 47, who has been suspended on full pay since a nursing sister at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, informed managers that he had given a lethal injection of potassium chloride to Lillian Boyes, 70, who was suffering extreme pain from rheumatoid arthritis and had begged him to end her suffering. The sister has moved to another ward and will not be working with Dr Cox.

Wessex regional health authority said that Dr Cox had accepted the conditions for his return set out a fortnight

accepted the conditions for his return, set out a fortnight ago after the General Medical Council allowed him to continue practising. A senior consultant will oversee his

work and be will be required to take part in meetings with nursing and other staff to "rebuild relationships".

The authority's decision was attacked by Life, the anticuthanasia, group, which said that Dr Cox should not have been allowed to return to work until after the term of his one-year suspended jail sentence, imposed in September.

#### Sex harassment win

A woman cleaning manager who was hounded out of her job after she complained of sexual harassment from her boss was awarded maximum damages of £10,000 by an industrial tribunal yesterday. in a case that the Equal Opportunities Commission described as "the most unreserved victory we have ever won". The tribunal in Ashford, Kent, was told that Jenny Weston, 34, area manager of Pall Mall Services Group, was dismissed after complaining of harassment from Colin Webb.

#### MP inherits mansion

The 15th century Madresfield Court, inspiration for Brideshead Revisited, has been inherited by the former Tory MP Sir Charles Morrison and his wife after three years of legal wrangling. Lady Morrison was niece of the former occupier. Countess Beauchamp, who died in 1989. Relatives have agreed that she and her husband will move into the 138-room mansion, set in 5,000 acres at Malvern, Hereford and Worcester. Countess Beauchamp wanted the estate turned into a cultural centre.

#### Nurses' scheme doubts

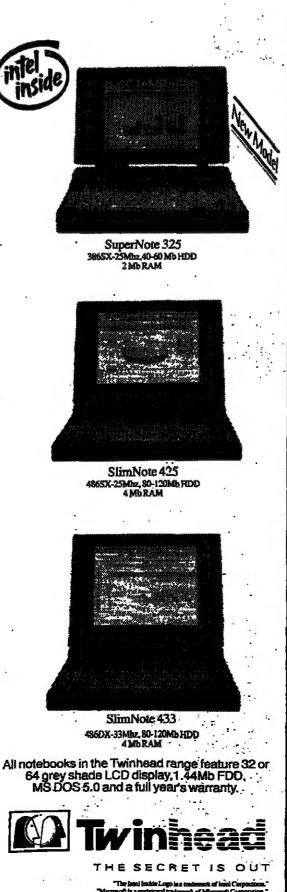
Student nurses on the government's project 2000 training programme have been mistaken for shop assistants, according to a critical report from the National Audit Office. The report casts doubt on the intitial success of the project, set up in 1989, showing more students drop out of the new courses than traditional courses and suggests £207 million spent on the scheme could have been used more effectively. Over 14,000 murses are on the scheme compared with 37,000 being trained conventionally.

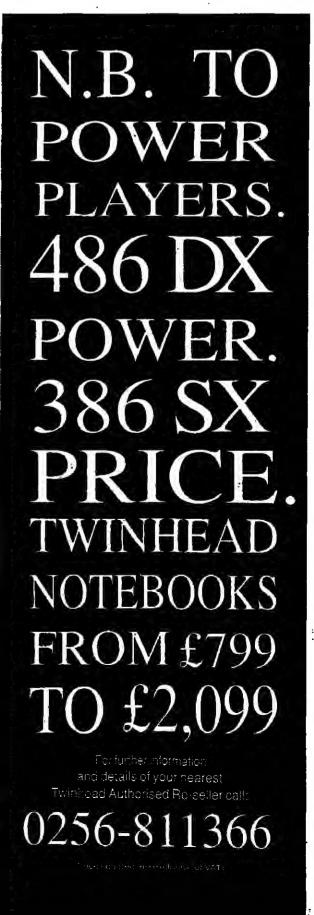
#### Bird haven sold for £1

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has bought 300 acres of intertidal mud, sand and saltmarsh on the Hayle estuary in Cornwall from the businessman Peter de Savary for a nominal £1. The estuary, the most southwesterly in Britain, is nationally important for both wintering and migrating birds. In hard winters the estuary remains frost free; during the 1983-4 winter, nearly 19,000 birds could be found there. Some 343 species have been seen including widgeon, curlew and teal.



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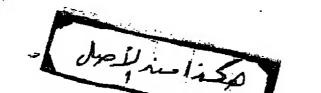




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#### Unmarried couples fear higher rate home loans

By LINDSAY COOK AND RACHEL KELLY

PROPOSALS by a building society that mortgages be risk rated so that unmarried and first-time buyers would pay substantially more than older. married homeowners were greeted with concern by con-

Sumer groups yesterday.

Bristol & West, the tenth largest building society. claimed there was considerable unfairness in the mortgage market. "Because relat-ionships with new customers are not properly developed, reliable mortgage borrowers are usually charged the same interest rate as less reliable people," it said.

The society said it had made no decision about a change yet but wanted to identify the principal factors that contribute to borrowers' ability to pay, and to tailor interest rates

accordingly.
Some lenders already give substantial discounts to those who borrow less than 60 per cent of the value of the property, while indemnity premiums for buyers who borrow more than 90 per cent of a property's value can add one percentage point to the cost of the mortgage

Tony FitzSimons, chief executive of the society, described the idea as similar to the way banks charge according to the risk for overdrafts. Good customers pay a little more than bank base rates. riskier ones a lot more.

Ken Scott. director of marketing for Bristol & West, said: "We believe we can construct a much fairer mortgage system. However, we have much more work to complete and it will be some considerable time before we could be ready to launch any new proposition. We recognise that young families have special needs and we would ensure they were properly catered for within any new arrangements." The industry had been accused of allowing

borrowers to take risks. Lenders have found that a disproportionate number of repossessions involve unmarried couples. Bristol & West

married or not, also produce a high proportion of bad loans. But consumer bodies react-

ed with concern to the proposals. Jean Eaglesham, head of the money section at the Consumers' Association, said: "In principle we are in favour of the idea of more accurate credit-rating." But she said that there could be iniquities if the categories used to distin-guish between the credit risk of different borrowers were broad. "For example, if the categories include whether borrowers are married or not, there will be iniquities in both

categories."
Ms Eaglesham was also concerned about the danger of discrimination. "It's not clear, for example, how they would assess homosexuals. There are questions raised about how the Sex Discrimination Act and the Race Relations Act would apply."

The National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux said: We are concerned that schemes such as those announced by the Bristol & West may make it more difficult for our clients to enter the housing market. Sophisticated creditreferencing should provide adequate safeguards for lenders when they are making their

John Wriglesworth, analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew, said: This trend will increase phenomenally in the next year. The people without track records will not be able to get

House prices have steadied with a rise of 0.1 per cent in November after a dramatic fall in the last quarter of nearly 4 per cent, according to the latest house-price index from the Halifax building society. The average price of a house is now £61,879, 7.9 per cent less than a year ago.

Lower interest rates and the government's attempt to assist the market by boying 20.000 empty homes have begun to take effect, said the Halifax.



Crafty escape: John Leach, a potter aged 53, paddles to safety in a cowskin coracle over the flooded fields and lanes in Muchelney, Somerset

#### Islands shield collaborators from press invasion

FROM BILL FROST IN JERSEY

S lamming down her glass on the bar, the blue-rinsed matron passed judgment on those still curious to discover the extent of collaboration in Jersey during the second world war. "The Channel Islands were occupied, England was not. You have no right to criticise when you'd have done the same yourselves,"

she snarled. Publication of Home Office documents this week describing Jersey officials as "compliant towards the Germans", and some islanders as "obsequious peasants" has been met with feigned indifference or outright hostility among certain sections of island society. The matron's reaction verged on fury: "We remember life under the jackboot.

Survivors of the Nazi occupation of Jersey will never divulge the names of "Jerrybags" to outsiders intruding into private grief

then?" Others gathered at the bar nodded in agreement. While islanders make no attempt to deny the extent of fraternisation with German troops during the occupation, they jealously guard the identities of those who welcomed the invaders a little too warmly. "Jerrybags", the women who slept with their conquerors, are still ostracised but never unmasked to strangers. A number of young women agreed to work as prostitutes at the German garrison on, Alderney where four slavelabour camps had been estab-

lished. Half a dozen were sent

home to Jersey after the

of the camp guards had intracted venereal disease. Children born after affairs quished are known to most in Jersey, particularly the older people who still remember seeing local girls on the arms of German soldiers.

lthough they have been A forgiven, their mothers will always be regarded as traitors by some of those who still have vivid recollections of the occupation. Gerald Bisson, chairman of the Royal British Legion in St Helier, said: "If I did know the names of children born under those

you. It's no fault of theirs. We hold no prejudice against them now — it's just an accident of history." However, Mr Bisson was

less forgiving towards collaborators still living on the island. There is an old man in St Ouen who has been ostracised by his neighbours since Liberation Day. No one local has had anything to do with him for almost 50 years," he said. The informers, either through personal spite or in the hope of financial gain, would regularly pass names to the Gerhaving clandestine radios or voicing "treacherous" opinout by the occupying power were harsh imprisonment, slave labour, or transportation to the death camps. While welcoming publica-

tion of the war records, Mr Bisson admitted that many questions were still unanswered. "There are too many allegations that can never be proved. But the collaborators we do know about were really bad — they betrayed fellow islanders to the Germans. At Jersey's Occupation Mu-

seum on the harbour front, an old man sat watching wartime newsreels of jackbooted German troops goose-stepping into St Helier. "Some of us can remember that day so-well. You ask me why there were no resistence fighters.

"but where could we hide on this small island? It's history. but what happened should

#### **Minister** refuses aid for flood damage

THE government yesterday turned down requests from MPs for compensation for the victims of flood damage in Wales as storms throughout Britain abated.

David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, refused to activate a system that allows special fi-nancial assistance for local authorities to cope with flood and storm damage.

But he announced that all flood control schemes in Wales are to be reviewed after the torrential rain that has left much of the principality water-logged. Mr Hunt assured MPs worried about the danger of another Abertan that all coal tips were to be inspected.

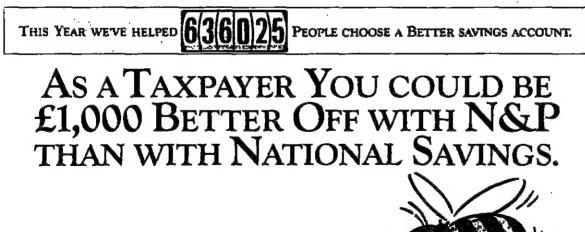
His refusal of financial help prompted Peter Hain, Labour MP for Neath, to accuse him of offering only "a flood of crocodile tears" after Ron Davies, shadow Welsh secretary, had asked him: "If the govern-ment can find £60 million for the uninsured Windsor Castle, will you please have equal treatment for the people of

Insurers have already begun counting the cost of the damage. Repairing the flood damage in South Wales could run to more than £5 million, according to initial assess-ments by insurance expens. The insurance industry has been badly hit during the past five years: damage from the 1987 hurricane was put at £1.3 billion and severe floods in 1990 cost £2.3 hillion.

As flood alerts were re moved, police in southern and western Wales said the situation was improving, although several roads were still closed. A similar picture was emerging in Devon and Comwall although police said showers had continued into the early

The London Centre said storms were giving way to showers in the South, and winds would be much lighter than the 80mph reached on Wednesday. However, persistent rain is expected in the next few days.

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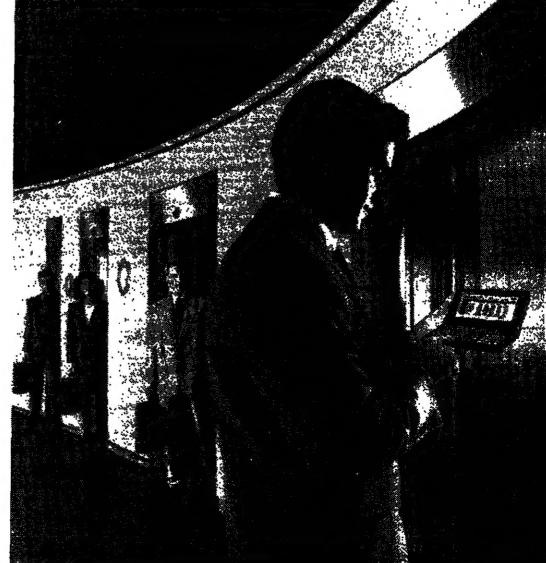
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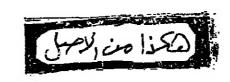
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# Brooke puts his stamp on heritage ministry

PETER Brooke, secretary of state for national heritage. yesterday laid out his vision of a ministry, if not of fun, at least of lightheartedness.

Speaking at the Royal Fine Art Commission, he explained that his department would be neither inward nor backward looking. With a dash of David Mellor-style enthusiasm, the speech also reflected Mr Brooke's more traditional tastes. The main sporting events could be shared as "national pageants" he said. and the national lottery "has provoked an excitement. which I cannot help but

The department will not bury itself in the past, but seek ways of using the nation's cultural inheritance in a contemporary way. In particular, Mr Brooke said he will commission feasibility studies into using heritage buildings for modern purposes.

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Windsor Castle is not only a national monument but also the Queen's home, he said. "I hope that out of the fire, and the scar it has left, will emerge a reconstruction which com-mands widespread acceptance and a sense of national

achievement," he said. Mr Brooke announced that the department will be housed in new headquarters at 2-4 Cockspur Street, as first reported in The Times. The new premises are sited near Trafalgar Square, "under the watcheyes of Landseer's Lions

and in the shadow of Nelson".

The secretary of state also replied to the arts world's severe criticisms of the Au-Many felt privately that Mr Mellor, the previous national heritage secretary, would have emerged from the public spending round with more than Mr Brooke's 2 per cent increase for the Arts Council budget, lower than inflation

He said the budget did not reflect long-term priorities. "I must emphatically reject the idea that the health of an area, or the esteem in which we hold it is measurable either by the aggregate of direct government funding or by trends in that aggregate

The speech held out tentadecision on the delegation of some of its funding responsibilities to the regions, in effect giving government more control over some of the bigger not about to enter the era of Ludwig of Bavaria, or Louis XIV, and there will be no stateapproved artists or styles of



Sold short: difficulties connecting a telephone bidder kept down the price of Study of a Nude with Figure in a Mirror at Sotheby's yesterday

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#### Bacon leaves £10m fortune to friend

By Alison Roberts, arts reporter

THE artist Francis Bacon, who died in April, has left more than £10 million to his close friend John Edwards.

Bacon, who once summed up his life as "going from bar to bar and drinking and that kind of thing", met Mr Ed-wards at the Colony Room, a Soho drinking club, 15 years ago. They became inseparable friends, described yesterday as "Siamese twins" by Ian Board, the club's owner.

Among friends, no one doubted that Bacon would leave his estate, valued at £10,923,900 net, to Mr Edwards. That, however, did not prevent endless speculation within the art world, and many wondered whether

there was a will at all. He was famously unworldly, despite becoming Britain's 1989 when his painting Trip-tych: May-June, 1973 was sold for over £3.5 million. gambling and champagne.

children of an East End publican, was said to be abroad yesterday. Mr Board

said he might give it to charity. "He knew what was going on in Francis's mind and it was no great shock to learn that he had been left the estate," he said.

Mr Edwards became Bacon's favourite model and features in some of his most famous work. Some experts suggested that a stash of paintings would be uncovered at the artist's mews house in Kensington, but the publication of the will shows there to

tional telephone exchange meant a Bacon painting failed to reach its expected El million price tag at Sotheby's

A potential buyer of Study of Mirror of 1969 tried to link up with the London saleroom, but could not get through. As a £680,000 and the painting ever, negotiations after the Mr Edwards, one of six auction ended with the caller about the price at which bids

1992 awards are sponsored by The Times, said that business-

es were demanding more from the arts in return for

sponsorship money. More businesses requested that their

name be included in the title

of the sponsored event or

The arts in London attract almost 83 per cent of total

sponsorhip, largely through national organisations such as

the National Theatre and the Royal Ballet. Scotland and

Wales receive only 3 per cent

and 0.5 per cent respectively of

more attracted to opera, giving it more than 55 per

Literary events and organisations take only 0.2 per cent of the total. Businesses are

total sponsorship funds.

#### **Business sponsors** give more to the arts

THE value of business spors-orship of the arts rose during the financial year 1991-2. More than £57 million was pledged, an increase on the previous year of almost 29 per cent (Alison Roberts writes).

First-time sponsorship is also up, according to the annual report of the Associ-ation for Business Sponsorship of the Arts, published yesterday. However, businesses are cutting back on corpo-rate membership of arts groups, which offers fewer opportunities for publicity. Corporate membership — the donation of money in ex-change for perks such as guaranteed theatre tickets has fallen by 37 per cent to about £8 million.

The association, whose

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I am always delighted to receive a round-robin from my old American friends, Al and Sally du Lally, telling me just how happy and successful the entire du Lally family has been over the past 12 months. They have asked me to reproduce some of their family's finer achievements in the pages of The Times over the course of the next few weeks so that "all those lovely new British friends we've yet to make can share in our good fortune". "Hi y'all!" their letter

begins, "and yuletide greetings from one big, happy family of du Lallys!! "It's been quite a year for

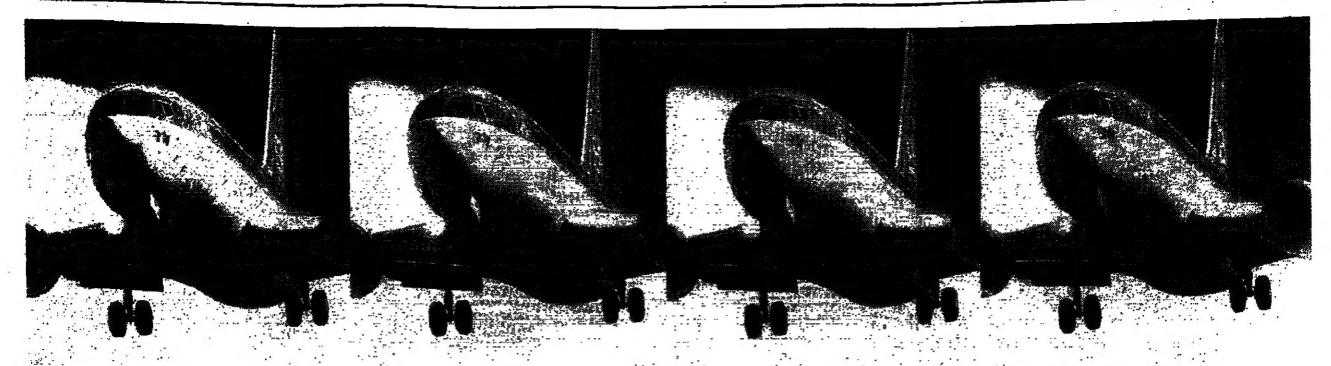
the du Lally family, full of magnificent achievements.

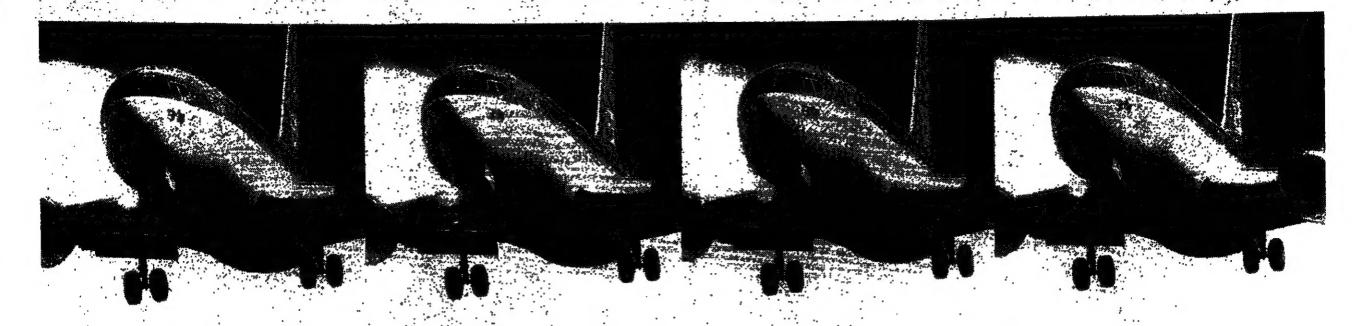
of age and at 260lb quite the little man! — has estab-lished himself after a lot of sheer hard graft and application as a computer whizkid. He is now able to play Nintendo for 15 hours a day, breaking only for a decent three-course meal to bolster his concentration,

on the hour, every hour. "Wally is the proud member of many local clubs and associations, having risen to the proud position of absentee secretary at Weight Watchers Anonymous and Frigidaire manager of the local Home

Nibblers Group. "He recently became quite the local hero when he was chosen from over a thousand applicants to model the "before" shot in an advertising campaign for a miracle slimming pill. and - fingers crossed! he's been promised a feature in National Enquirer when he gets a little bigger. His yuletide message to Santa? "I'll have the reindeer — old Rudy makes a great stew!! Cheers!"

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THE SERIOUS ALTERNATIVE

1991 census: Britons are migrating from cities to countryside and from the North to the South

# Unemployed bear cost of enterprise culture

By IAN MURRAY

PROOF that the Thatcher years saw profound changes emerged from the first detailed studies of the 1991 census for the Royal Geographical Society.
They show that the former

prime minister realised her ambition of creating an inemployed population, but at a cost. Unemployment rose among males everywhere and among women in inner city areas. Nearly one household in ten relied solely on social security or pensions to survive, while 13 per cent of the population complained of chronic illnesses.

The Welsh coal mining regions appeared to be the most unhealthy in the country. In the Rhondda, over one in four complained of disease, followed by Port Talbot, Mer-thyr Tydfil, and co. Durham. Although the figures for mining regions in Scotland were

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significantly lower, the mortality rate was much the same as in Wales. According to Professor Philip Rees of Leeds University, who has analysed the figures: "This either means the Welsh complain more than anyone else or the Scots are happier." The healthiest county of all was Berkshire. where 91 per cent did not complain of long-term illness. The ageing of the popula-

tion was another factor confirmed by the census, which showed that health authorities must prepare now to look after an ever-larger proportion of people in their eighties and nineties. The most noticeable trend was the mass migration from Scotland and the North towards the South, although pensioners have begun to forsake the South Coast retirement resons in favour of the Home Counties, the Cots-

wolds and Wales. cities to the countryside, with

DISTRICT POPULATION CHANGES 1981-91

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areas and nearly 1.6 million choosing homes in new towns or estates built round established rural developments. The total population grew by 2.3 per cent to 54.54 million. although about one million people, mostly males in their twenties, are believed not to have filled in the census forms. The entire growth of 1.25

million was in four regions. the East Anglia, South East, South West and East Mid-lands. In Scotland, the population fell by 1.5 per cent, and it also dropped in the North and North East, which lost a total of 18,000.

East Anglia was the fastest growing region, with the pop-ulation there up by 10.4 per cent over the decade. The heavily populated South East, however, expanded by \$47,000, an increase of 3.2 per cent, in marked contrast to the 0.7 per cent fall during the seventies. Milton Keynes was easily the fastest growing district and now has nearly 50 cent more residents than in 1981. Clydebank, Glasgow and Merseyside, in contrast, all lost about one in ten of their

The London population remained virtually static after losing about one million residents during the seventies. However, the outer London population continued to fall while the number living in inner London grew by roughly the same amount, probably due to the higher fertility rate among the ethnic communi-



Sail your dreamboat: the Milton Keynes population is up by nearly 50 per cent

regions of the country, even those where the population has failen, have seen the number of households grow.

The proportion of people living on their own has grown to 26.8 per cent nationally, although in London the figure

The lowest number of "oneperson households" is in ar-

eas such as Buckinghamshire

where there are large num-bers of young families. The

number of one-parent fam-

has reached 38 per cent.

#### Working women go full-time

THÉRE was wide variation in employment rates, from 80 per cent in the Shetlands. Grampian, Wiltshire and Berkshire to less than 66 per cent in Merseyside and Mid

All areas saw a decrease in the proportion of people in full-time employment, although the number of women working full-time grew every-where, particularly in rural areas. Nearly all areas saw an increase in the number of selfemployed during what the researchers describe as "the mterprise decade".

Unemployment was also found to vary between different population subgroups. In Luton, approximately 30 per cent of Bangiadeshi or Pakistani males were out of work, compared with only 10 per cent of whites.

The population has aged, with 8 per cent fewer children under 18 than ten years ago, 7 per cent more in the working age group, and 6 per cent more pensioners. The number of people over 75 has gone up more than a third.

Inner-city areas and new towns have the highest proportion of children under five, while workers aged 18 to 44 are concentrated around London and in the Grampian region of Scotland. The number of over 75s has grown in the coastal retirement resorts and the number of people aged 66 to 75 has increased in

est proportion at 13.1 per

Nationally, the census

found that 66.4 per cent were

now owner-occupiers, a rise of

10 percentage points during

the decade. The growth was even higher in Scotland (14

points) although that was because in 1981 far fewer

homes were owned there than

elsewhere. The proportion

paying council rents has fall-

en to 21.4 per cent, while only

Number of one-parent families has doubled

ilies has doubled to 3.8 per

cent of households since

1981, but the proportion is

far higher in London (6.4 per cent) while it is lowest in rural

areas (2.5 per cent).
Across Britain, there was an

average of 8.8 per cent of households in which there

was no wage-earner. The fig-

ure rose to 12 per cent in city

areas. Mid Glamorgan, with a

large number of unemployed

#### MANORITIES London is centre for non-whites

THE non-white population has grown rapidly since the 1950s to three million and now makes up 5.5 per cent of the general population. Of this figure, 45 per cent lives in London, where one in five is

The highest percentage is in Brent, where 44.8 per cent of the population is non-white, followed by Newham, Tower Hamlets and Hackney, where more than one in three is coloured. Outside London. the largest concentrations of ethnic minorities are in Leicestershire, Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Manchester, West Yorkshire and West Midlands. The proportion of noncent and, in Slough, 27.7 per

In contrast, non-whites make up less than 2 per cent of the population in Scotland. Wales, the North and South West. In rural areas, the figure is 0.6 per cent.

The census found that 1.6

per cent of the total population is black and that, of this, three out of five are of Caribbean origin. Indians made up a further 1.5 per cent

and Pakistanis 0.9 per cent. Most West Indians are in the London area, Indians are concentrated in Leicestershire, Pakistanis in West Yorkshire and the West midlands, and Bangladeshis in London or Bedfordshire. The Chinese population is more evenly distributed over the

12.2 per cent have private landlords.

More than four out of five

homes now have central heating with the lowest propor-

tion in Merseyside and the

Shetlands (63 per cent). On average, one house in five is detached, with almost one in

three in terraces and the same

proportion semi-detached.

Purpose-built flats make up

most of the remaining stock.

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such as Tower Hamlets, east

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# Advice network for businesses launched

By Jonathan Prynn

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GMB general union has a rotal affiliation of 790,000.

Financially, the TGWU's

move is a considerable blow

for Labour, which has a debt of some £1.7 million.

tributes on its own more than

20 per cent of Labour's entire

union affiliation money, which comprises about 60 per

cent of its total income. Over

the two-year period, TGWU affiliation fees to the party will fall from about £1.72 million to some £1.35 million.

Labour said last night it understood the TGWU was reducing its affiliation

because of falling union mem-

bership and the declining

number of members paying

the political levy, but the TGWU said the principal

reason was that it wanted to

switch its campaigning

spending to MEPs and local

The TGWU currently con-

Union deals blow

to Labour finances

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

MICHAEL Heseltine, the president of the board of trade, has launched the pilot phase of his scheme to provide a network of small business advice centres across England.

The initiative, which was flagged in the Conservative party election manifesto, aims to offer small- and mediumsized firms a local. One Stop Shop source of advisory SELVICES.

In a statement to the Commons, Mr Heseltine said the One Stop Shop scheme was aimed at simplifying "the present confusing array of support services". Currently, advice on areas such as exporting, training, technology transfer and design, is available through an ever-increasing plethora of organisations ranging from chambers of commerce to Training and Enterprise Councils (TECs) and the Department of Trade and Industry itself. No single

LABOUR'S largest union, the Transport and General Work-

ers. yesterday said it was cutting back sharply the number of members it affiliates to the party — and, with it, the amount of money it gives.

The move by the TGWU, one of the handful of unions which are the real core trade

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union financial contributors

to the Labour party, may pose

a worrying threat to Labour if

other unions follow suit.

Currently, the TGWU wields a block vote in the

Labour party of 1.075 million.

based on the number of union members it affiliates to the

party. The union said it would

be cutting this next year to

850.000, a fall of more than a

fifth, and then in 1994 reduc-

ing it still further to 750,000

- a total cut of 30 per cent.

Next year's planned cut will

still leave the TGWU as

Labour's largest union. The

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source currently provides the most of those which do, comfull range of services on offer. plain about the bureaucratic The first phase of the promaze they have to negotiate. gramme involves 15 pilot Ône Mr Heseltine said many of the Stop Shops being set up next spring. Mr Heseltine is invitschemes currently in operation were "too narrowly deing competitive bids from fined and more supplier than

would-be operators, and a customer driven". prospectus outlining the scheme was launched yester-In the first year of the pilot scheme, the DTI will provide day. Bids must be submitted £3.5 million of funding topped up by local contributions, but by January 29. the scheme is expected to be Mr Heseltine said bidders self-financing "as rapidly as possible". If the pilots are must demonstrate that they can "provide a wide range of high-quality services, both successful a full national netthose available locally and, work of shops will be devel-

of the country or even ourside this country". Wales and Scot-land have separate business Heseltine as paving the way for "a radical overhaul of business support arrangenot included in the scheme. ments", mer only a lukewarm Surveys of the business comresponse from the Opposition. munity have shown that about Derek Fatchett, a Labour 60 per cent of firms are not aware of the advisory services

trade and industry spokes-man, said he was surprised Mr Heseltine had made no statement on the further decline in British manufacturing industry following the announcement of major job losses at Cammell Laird, Royal Ordnance and the Post Office within the previous 24 hours. Mr Fatchett said that while he welcomed the One Stop Shop proposal, the country needed an "industrial strategy for Britain's future", not just a new pilot scheme. He said he was disappointed by the size of government funding for the scheme.

oped, Mr Heseltine said.

The announcement of the

programme, described by Mr

Paul Tyler, for the Liberal Democrats, congratulated the government on the One Stop Shop initiative, pointing out that a similar proposal featured in his party's manifesto.

when it reports next March.

Jeff Rooker, Labour MP for MPs from both sides of the house asked Mr Heseltine to consider the circumstances of their own constituencies when deciding which areas should participate in the pilot scheme. Mr Heseltine said the success of bids would be determined purely by the quality of the bids and not by any regional considerations. Bob Cryer, the Labour member for Bradford South, said this could result in three or four pilots being set up in some areas "while other areas in much greater need" went without.



On reflection: John Redwood, the inner cities and local government minister, visits a new £4 million housing estate in Limehouse, in London Docklands, yesterday. The project consists of 42 low-cost homes

#### PR hopes fade in party review

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CAMPAIGNERS for proportional representation now concede that Labour's working party into electoral reform wil not come up with any radical proposals and may even suggest retaining the status quo

Perry Barr, who is member of the Plant committee, has submitted a paper to the group arguing for the least radical form of PR — "a mixed member system" - where most MPs are elected in their constituencies by first past the post, with a small proportion allocated on a regional basis. The scheme would be weighted heavily in favour of the constituencies, possibly on an

This system is similar to the

additional member system they are nowhere near reachwhich the party has adopted in ing a conclusion. The additional member, alternative Scotland and which is used by some European countries. vote - where preferences are This sort of scheme is said to be favoured by John Smith, being considered. the Labour leader, if the party Mr Smith is expected to

make his views known to the

committee informally in the

new year. Mr Rooker hopes to

swing the majority of the Plant committee behind his propos-

al when it is discussed at a two-

day session in the first week of

January. The Plant committee

has now decided to come up

with its recommendations for

the Commons before it de-

cides on the system for Euro MPs and the House of Lords.

A regional list system or single

transferable vote scheme are

the favourites for Europe and

the Lords.

opts for change. It is understood that Mr Smith does not consider electoral reform as a priority and may decide to postpone any policy decision on PR until much nearer the next general election. He has argued privately that there was little enthusiasm for PR at the Blackpool conference this

The Plant Committee is expected to produce recommendations in March, although other members of the working group concede that The main business in the

Commons next week is expectstages.

tion unemployment motion. ies policy.

protection and planning. Friday: Private members' bills: local government (overseas assistance) bill, second reading.

Monday: Debates on procedure and on citizens advice Tuesday: Agriculture bill committee, first day. Wednesday: Debate on Hong

PARLIAMENT NEXT WEEK

Monday: Social security bill, committee and remaining Tuesday: Debate on Opposi-

Wednesday: Debate on fisher-Thursday: Debate on coastal

The main business in the Lords is expected to be:

Kong and China. Thursday: Agriculture bill, committee, second day



#### PM urges openness by Masons

question time that he stuck to the view that people in public life who were Freemasons should declare that fact. The prime minister was responding to Chris Mullin, Labour MP for Sunderland South, who is promoting a private member's bill containing such a provision. Mr Mullin asked Mr Major if he still held the view. expressed in response to a questionnaire in 1986. that police officers, magistrates, MPs, councillors and other public officials should declare if they were Masons.

#### Pension age

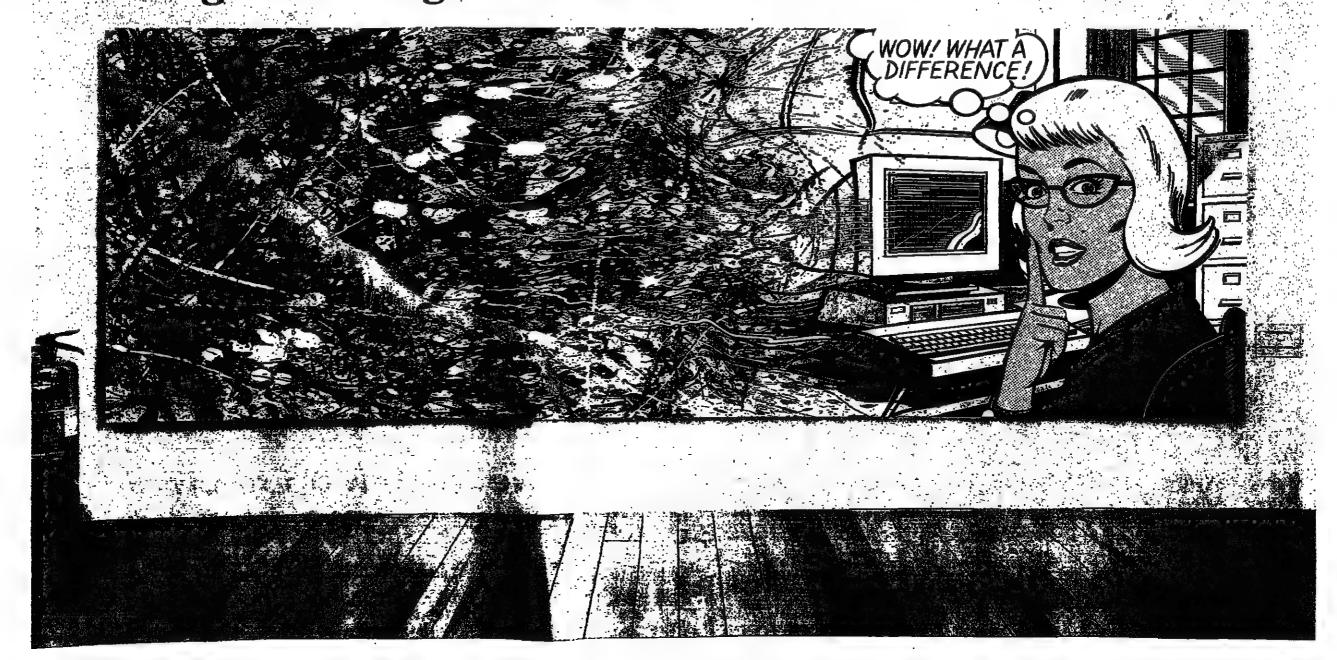
The judicial pensions and retirement bill, a government measure to put pensions for the judiciary throughout the UK on the same basis, was given a second reading in the Commons. It also provides for a common retirement age of 70 except in special circumstances. John Taylor, parliamentary secretary at the Lord Chancellor's department, said that the average age of High Court judges was now under 60. He predicted a marked increase in the number of women and those from ethnics minorities serving on the bench. The measure has already been passed by the Lords.

#### Act approved

The Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc) (Amendment) Act and the Car Tax (Abolition) Act were given Royal Assent. In Parliament

Commons (9.30): Debate on a private member's motion on the United Nations

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# Major offers Danes a way out of the Maastricht impasse

By Philip Webster, chief political correspondent

JOHN Major yesterday proposed a three-point plan designed to remove Denmark's treaty and allow its people to approve it next year in a second referendum.

In a move to tackle one of the most difficult subjects at next week's EC summit in Edinburgh, the prime minis-ter suggested, in his role as president of the Community, a series of declarations by all the leaders and by the Danish government to allay fears among Danish voters. He also made it clear that, while Britain would be prepared to negotiate on other issues on the Edinburgh agenda, there could be no question of giving way on on its £2 billion rebate from the EC budget.

Britain's plan for approaching the Danish question, circulated to member states yesterday, envisages three declarations emerging from next week's summit. The first would be a unitateral declaration issued by the Danish government and describing to the people how it intends to interpret some of the Maastricht provisions that most worry them and which caused them to throw out the treaty in a referendum in June.

The second would be a declaration signed by all member countries at Edinburgh spelling out how the EC

of most concern to Denmark: citizenship, defence, interior justice and the single currency. Its aim is to clear up "areas of confusion". British officials said yesterday: "It will be a decision by the 12 countries explaining the treaty. It will be consistent with the treaty. It will not involve renegotiation and re-ratification of the

The third would be an important summit declaration spelling out an agreement on the implementation of subsidiarity, the principle of taking decisions at the lowest practical level, and the need for greater openness in EC decision-taking. This is intended to reduce fears in Denmark and Britain that the EC is becoming too centralised.

The initiative, which will be discussed by EC foreign min-isters on Tuesday, was put together by Mr Major after visits to seven EC countries over the past two weeks. He saw Poul Schluter, the Danish prime minister, on Tuesday.

British officials appeared to be optimistic yesterday that the document could form the basis of an agreement. But much work will be proceeding in the run-up to Edinburgh to determine whether the package is legally enforceable.

In the Commons yesterday Mr Major underlined that there could be no reduction in the British rebate. He told

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Guide For Travellers, Sir John

Cope, the paymaster general, said that the abolition of

internal frontier controls

would not led to the creation of "single market for drug

traffickers, terrorists, and oth-

er criminals. Customs will

continue to make selective

checks at all ports and

lose around £250 million a

year in excise duties due to

purchases of alcohol and to-

bacco in other EC countries, about 2.5 per cent of the

annual £10 billion collected in

excise duties.

Treasury officials expect to

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MPs that there might be room to negotiate on some issues but insisted: "There is no justification whatsoever for reducing that rebate and we shall not agree to reduce it at Edinburgh. On most issues at Edinburgh there may be room for negotiation, but on this issue there is no room for negotiation whatsoever."

He said the abatement had been worth £12 billion to the UK so far and ensured that "we pay only our fair share to the Community budget". He was replying to John Wans, Tory chairman of the Commons Treasury and civil service committee, who said Britain's EC partners must understand that any attempt to interfere with the rebate would have a "dramatic effect" on Mr Major's ability to secure the smooth passage of the bill ratifying the Maas-

Mr Major and Mr Schluter are understood to have dis-cussed timing of the second Danish referendum but officials yesterday refused to throw any light on what may have been said. The issue is vital to Mr Major who, in a concession designed to win over Euro-sceptics in the recent Commons debate. has promised that the third reading of the Maastricht bill will not take place until after the Danish plebiscite, expected in

#### **British** officials urged to relax

By NICHOLAS WOOD PULITICAL CORRESPONDENT

STIFF-necked public servants were urged yesterday by the prime minister to take a leaf out of the continental rule-book and exercise a more relaxed approach to the enforcement of domestic and European regulations.

Against a background of ministerial suspicion that Britain's Mediterranean rivals are profiting from their laisser faire attitude towards directives, John Major gave the 'little Hitlers' of town hall and Whitehall their marching orders, "Here in Britain we are sometimes over-punctilious in enforcing directives when lighter controls are tolerated elsewhere," he said.

The prime minister's remarks were the latest stage in the war on red tane he launched at the party conference in Brighton when he announced that he had appointed Michael Heseltine to hack his way through the bureaucratic undergrowth.

British officials pride them-selves on their impartiality and incorruptibility and some Tory MPs fear that Mr Major may be running up against formidable cultural barriers. In the Commons just over a week ago Nicholas Budgen, the anti-Maastricht Tory MP for Wolverhampton South West, said that ministerial support for the Latin



line on EC law could have the unwelcome side effect of undermining respect for domes-

At the time, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, told Mr Budgen that he did not want to see Whitehall officials carrying through Brussels tail". Mr Hurd, who has bemoaned EC interference in

the nation's life, said that problems also arose from the itch of Whitehall to insert its own bureaucratic instincts" into the process of implementing the latest Brussels

Mr Major said he believed that the balance had tipped too far against the small businessmen vital to the country's economic regeneraburden of regulation," he said at a citizen's charter His officials cited over-

zealous application of regulations on fire safety and the sale of second-hand toys in charity shops as other obstacles to enterprise. Mr Major said he wanted to see a new "bonfire of

#### **Opt-outs** likely to be an EC time-bomb

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

THE British and Danish gov errunents yesterday unveiled a ten-page wad of opaque legal prose which, if accepted by all 12 EC governments at the Edinburgh summit next week is a time-bomb for the Community.

The document, which out lines a three-pronged solution to the dilemma created by Denmark's rejection of the Maastricht treaty last June, now becomes the subject of intensive bargaining. But the short-term plan to extricate the EC from its present fix is liable to change the shape and structure of the Community for years to come. The proposals amount to a blueprint for a "cafeteria" EC in which states can choose which policies they sign up for.

Yesterday's legal formula may not turn into a revolution if Denmark or other states turn it down during the next few weeks. One British EC law expert yesterday described the plan as "very messy"

The British and Danish governments have spent several months trying to fashion opt-outs for Denmark without rewriting the treaty text itself or any need for the seven states which have approved the treaty to do so all over again. The freaty can only come into force if all 12 EC members ratify. But the treaty has to be "reinterpreted" for any Danish government to win a second referendum.

#### **Customs publishes** guide for travellers

By Michael Dynes, Whitehall correspondent

GUIDELINES outlining the The only indication that fronamount of alcohol, tobacco, and other goods which can be brought into Britain from EC countries from midnight on December 31 were published

yesterday.

Travellers will be able to bring back up to 90 litres of wine (about ten cases), 10 litres of spirits, 110 litres of beer, and 800 cigarettes, and as much perfume, camera equipment, gifts and souvenirs as they can carry.

The new so-called indicative allowances, which are in addition to duty-paid allowances and apply to all EC countries. have been agreed as part of the EC's attempt to create a single European market free of all forms, formalities and frontier controls. The availability of duty-free goods will be phased out by 1999.

Duty-paid allowances will have no legal force, but anyone carrying more than the amounts specified will have to prove that the goods are for personal consumption

Traditional red and green channels at air and sea ports for travellers arriving from EC destinations will be abolished. on Brussels directives

IN BRUSSELS

THE Department of Trade and Industry yesterday said it still had not received a letter from Martin Bangemann, the EC's internal market commissioner, criticising Britain's recent slipshod performance in implementing EC single mar-

Sources in Herr Bangemann's cabinet said the letter. deeply embarrassing to the British presidency of the EC, was sent on Tuesday. They confirmed that in it the German commissioner asks why Britain has suddenly slipped to eighth place, just behind Greece, in the league table of member states transposing Brussels "directives" onto their own statute books.

"I believe the time is ripe to raise these questions," Herr Bangemann says in the letter, which is addressed to Michael Heseltine, president of the

The revelation has provided yet more discomfort for the British presidency of the EC on the bumpy road to the

# UK slips up

FROM TOM WALKER

board of trade.

# Euro-sceptic blunder gives government the first victory

T he government has comfortably won the first skirmish of the long Maastricht campaign, in part thanks to the tactical blunders of William Cash. But future battles will be much trickier.

John Major had three aims: to make a start on the committee stage before Christmas, to win an early vote by a large margin, and to be able to report to the Edinburgh summit that progress had been made. All three have been achieved.

The committee stage will be mainly a test of patience. The government's tactics are to show that the Tory rebels are behaving unreasonably. Mr Cash this week fell into the whips' trap, by his speech of two and a half hours and by his decision to force a timeconsuming "I spy strangers" vote. The latter is normally used as a last resort. This antagonised many Tory MPs who said he was guilty of time wasting. Strongly pro-EC MPs, including veterans of the 1972 battles over entry such as Sir Edward Heath, muttered about the whips not being tough enough.

Even some Tory Euro-sceptics were irritated with Mr Cash. The word from their camp was that such selfindulgence would not be repeared and discipline would be imposed in the new year. The opponents of Maastricht would debate the amendments fully, but would not open themselves to charges of filibustering.

The Euro-sceptics' problem is that, while they have eff-

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icient whips in James Cran and Christopher Gill, they have rival leaders. Mr Cash. Sir Teddy Taylor and Michael Spicer are uneasy allies. The rebels lack a commanding figure, unlike 20 years ago when Enoch Powell was the

On the Labour side, opposition is led by combatants of earlier battles such as Peter Shore and Tony Benn, as well



Heath: muttering about the whips

the indefaugable Nige Spearing. But they have tried the patience of younger MPs. who do not relish weeks of hanging around to vote against closure motions on a

bill which they do not oppose. The government whips will have to be rougher in the new year. Late-night and all-night sittings will be required and Tory backbenchers could be-

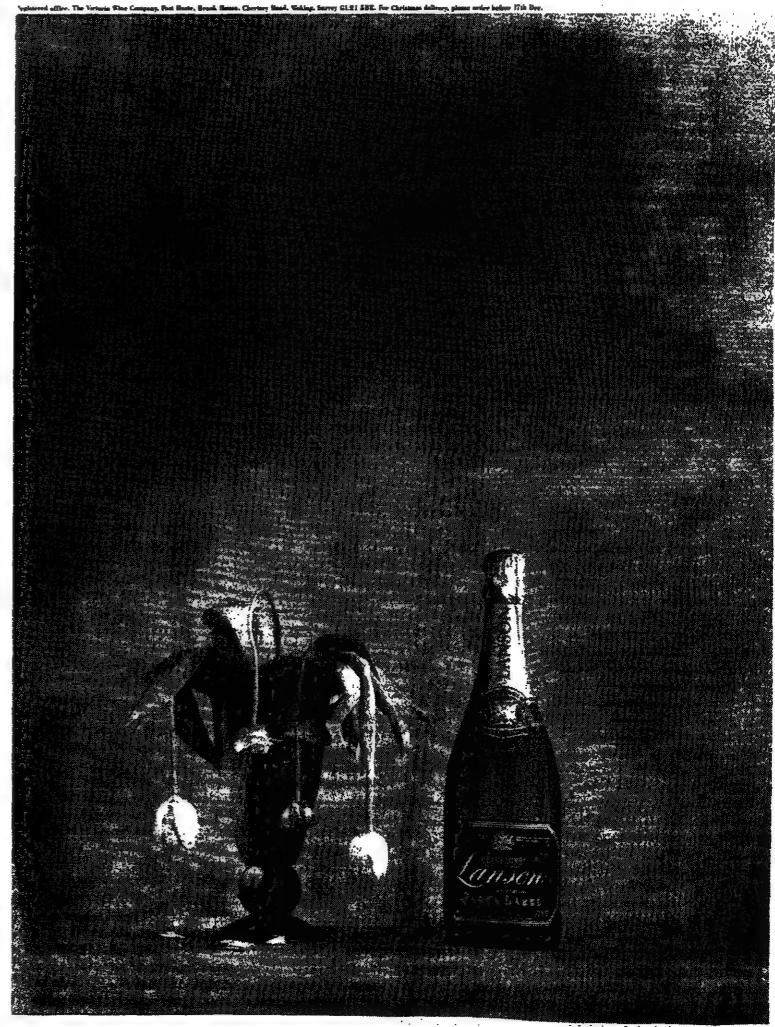
danger for the government is not just from ambushes but also from rare issues where a coalition of Labour, Liberal Democrats and Tory rebels can be put together, such as control of the European cen-

he outcome will be affect-I ed by external developments, in Denmark or the exchange-rate mechanism. In the immediate future, the Edinburgh summit could have a crucial impact. Mr Major vesterday conceded the linkage when answering a ques-tion from John Wans, the lovalist chairman of the Treasury committee, who said any change in the British rebate could have a "dramatic effect" on the government's ability to secure smooth passage of the bill. The prime minister promptly denied there was any room for negotiation over the

lowering expectations about the chances of agreement at Edinburgh. This is partly the usual advance tactic but as discussed in these commentares on Wednesday and Thursday, there are real differences over Denmark and future financing. These issues, together with subsidiarity and enlargement, are in practice tied and will probably only be agreed as a package at Edin-burgh itself. If all goes well for Mr Major in a week's time. then so should the Maastricht

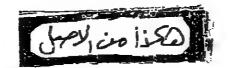
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# Brawling deputies force closure of **Russian Congress**

Radicals and conservatives are creating bargaining positions in the form of motions they know will not be passed. The Yeltsin camp, aware that it cannot win alone, is courting its centrist opponents

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

THE fraught Congress of People's Deputies ended its third day in chaos yesterday when a brawl erupted on the podium between conservatives and liberals over voting proce-

Deputies from the Yeltsin camp surged around Ruslan Khasbulatov, the conservative Congress chairman, shouting abuse after a debate on whether a key ballot on constitutional amendments should be open or confidential ended in the assembly deciding on a secret vote. The liberals want an open vote, fearing the potential of "closet conservatives" to rock the government. They believed that Mr Khasbulatov had handled the debate in a way that favoured

Surrounded by a gaggle of reformers, Mr Khasbulatov, excitable at the best of times, cried: "Protect me from insults! Protect me from these deputies! Help!" Several depu-ties rushed to his aid. Mr Khasbulatov emerged tousled and red-faced to adjourn the meeting until today, calling on deputies to calm themselves.

Earlier Yegor Gaidar, the trying to retain office in the face of conservative opposition, offered to co-operate with the powerful centre-right Civic Union. He urged them to rally behind economic reform to save Russia from chaos. Mr Gaidar, whose record was harshly attacked on Wednesday by Aleksandr Rutskoi, the vice-president who supports Civic Union, appeared desper-ate to build bridges with the votes on whether to confirm

him in office.

Mr Gaidar's conciliatory style represents a sudden shift from his previously uncompromising line towards Civic Union, which is dominated by the military-industrial comnlex and wants a slower transition to the market economy. with the state retaining a substantial role. It indicates

that the government has accepted the need to court the opposition.

Mr Gaidar sought to drive a wedge between the pragmatic Civic Union and what he called "the irreconcilable opposition". However, with the mood of Congress fiercely anti-government, the irrecon-cilable opposition of Mr Gaidar's nightmares was in

confident mood, even subjecting President Yeltsin, who is usually treated with a modicum of respect, to strong personal attacks. One hardline deputy accused him of acting as "Boris the Great" and called for his resignation on the ground that he had placed Russia under "the serfdom of the Western market". The opposition is enoying

steam and with the government more concerned with survival than rhetoric, the best lines came from yesterday's men. "The programme of 'deepening reform' ought to be renamed of deepening the crisis'," sneered Oleg Smolin, an Omsk deputy. Another remarked that Russia's economic crisis grew in direct proportion to the number of 'anti-crisis measures" Mr Gaidar produced and that

Congress should forbid him publishing any more for the good of the country.

Mr Yeltsin issued proposals that would enable him to sideislatures of parliament and Congress and give him sole control of ministerial appointments and key economic and fiscal decisions. He knows that he has not a chance of Congress agreeing to such a package but both sides were manoeuvring for position, set-ting out demands that can be traded off before the crucial votes that will decide whether the present radical reform Yeltsin held closed talks with regional leaders, pursuing his strategy of promising more devolution from Moscow in

return for their support.

The balance of power in Congress is unfavourable to the radical reform camp, forcing it to woo the Civic Union. The Union wants Mr Gaidar stabilising the government but other options are being dis-cussed including the appoint-ment of a Civic Union deputy to Mr Gaidar, probably Arkadi Volsky, the powerful head of the industrialists

That would bring into the core of government the conflict over competing strategies deal with Mr Volsky, a senior defence industry man and aide to Presidents Andropov and Gorbachev, would be considered by radical reformers as the import of a particularly wily fox into

# Droning classes drool over cake and circuses

THE Russian constitution enshrines the Congress of highest organ of state pow-er, which must bring comfort to members who spend the rest of their lives officiating in the towns and cities of the nation's backwaters, ignored by Moscow. The aura of unaccustomed

power hangs over the event and the preponderance of ciattering importantly across trays that, for most of the deputies, the two expenses-paid trips to the capital are the highlights of the year. Christmas shopping, too. No wonder that they rejected President Yeltsin's attempt to postpone it.

are represented, each fond of the sound of its own voice. One woman deputy spent 20 minutes bemoaning the effect of reforms on children's education. "There is no culture these days, just tele-vision and Coca-Cola. My grandchildren haven't even read Timor and His Troops yet." This had the potential nmons debates on whether the young knew who Hamlet was or not. Mr Yeltsin quoted Catherine the Great and Pushkin, the opposition rallied with Tolstov.

ally solicitous of their own welfare, so the Kremlin Palace brims with cafeterias that dispense delicacies rare in the straightened circumstances of post-communist ennes, meat-stuffed pancakes, plum cake and cream puffs -- all heavily subsidised distract from the business of subverting the govern-ments reforms. Western jour-

The deputies are tradition-

tion of a grazing opportunity. The ingrained absurdities of Soviet planning persist. Congress adjourned for half an hour from noon and so, promptly, did the cafeterias.

nalists spent the morning



Moscow focus: a Cossack from Rostov photographing deputies yesterday

the massed deputies, who had worked up a hearty chorused the keepers of the of proposals to amend rules governing the operation of cafeterias for the period of Congress. The government and the opposition were

Back in the chamber, the proceedings took place under a large electronic scoreboard

flashing up the results of the voting in a procedure obstinately reminiscent of the Eurovision song contest. Yegor Gaidar, the acting prime minister and target of the hardliners, watched the early ballots nervously to study the form. Beads of

brow at the prospect of his reforms gaining nuls points from the massed tribunes.

The electronic wizardry means that deputies have only 15 seconds to make up their mind how to vote. which confuses the tardier members. One deputy com-plained that he had been registered as an absention wice because he had failed to hit the right button. "Must be from the Urals," muttered the Russian journalist with a Muscovite's disdain for the

The deputies removed themselves this time from the Palace of Congress, the architectural outrage perpe-trated on the Kremlin by Nikita Khrushchev, claiming that it was too cold and the corridors were too long to ments. Instead they glide through the gilded halls of the Kremlin Palace where a picture of Lenin dispatching the Boisheviks to do battle hangs in the foyer.

home with this iconography as 87 per cent of them were Communist party members, something which lends the whole event a rather archaic touch. Political convictions may change, but the appalling dress sense and selfrighteous drone of the hardliners transported the spectator back to the days of the old Supreme Soviet.

When they are not huddled in their factions or feeding their faces, the deputies can grace-and-favour tickets to the Bolshoi and the circus. At six o'clock sharp, they disappear, political passions supamong the not-so-bright lights of Moscow.

Mikhail Gorbachev in his day learnt the valuable lesson of what really motivated the highest organ of state power when, during a debate on his reforms, he suggested continuing for a further two hours. No, no, Mikhail Sergeyevich," came the reply from the chamber. "We've all got



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#### THEWS IN BAREAR Mitterrand sees Kohl over Gatt

lonn: President Mitterrand of France arrived yesterday for talks with Heimut Kohl, the German chancellor, before the European Community summit which starts in Edinburgh next Friday.

M Mitterrand held a first round of talks with Herr Kohl before a working dinner. A second session will take place today. The two leaders will concentrate on the Uruguay round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and the Massricht treaty. They will also discuss the future of German MEPs. since the 18 deputies who went to Strasbourg after unification have only observer Status. (AFP)

#### Suspects waver

Karlsrube Two German farright extremists who admitted a bomb attack in which three Turks died in Mölln are considering withdrawing their confessions, prosecutors said. They will still be charged with murder. (Reuter)

#### Final judgment

Rome: Domenico Signorino. a leading anti-Mafia judge. has become the third person in a week to commit suicide after being accused by a Mafia informer of having connections with organised crime. More than 200 Mafia suspects have been arrested in the past few weeks. (AFP)

#### Georgia rule

Moscow: Eduard Shevardnadze, the Georgian leader, has placed all ministries under immediate martial law, according to the Interfax news agency, in an attempt to end the war in the breakaway region of Abkhazia. (AFP)

#### Israelis swoop

Jerusaiem: Israel has arrested about 450 members of Islamic and PLO groups opposed to Middle East peace talks in the biggest swoop in the occupied territories since October. Censors held up reports of the crackdown (Reuter)

#### Off the menu

Paris: Two years after German unification, there is still not a single restaurant which is worth recommending in the former communist eastern Germany, according to the latest Michelin guide, which reviewed 527 restaurants and

#### Honecker blames West for forcing him to build wall

FROM JOHN HOLLAND IN BERLIN

UNREPENTANT as ever, Erich Honecker, the former East German leader, yesterday rose from the defendant's chair to make a statement to a Berlin courtroom, saying he blamed the West for creating the circumstances which "forced" him to build the Berlin Wall.

On the sixth day of the trial of Herr Honecker and three other members of East Germany's communist leadership, who are accused of the manslaughter of 13 East Germans killed as they tried to cross the wall into the West, he denounced the case against him as a "farce" and a "political spectacle". For the past few weeks his lawyers had oursued delaying tactics to show that the 80-year-old former leader's health was not up to the rigours of a trial. Yesterday however, Herr Honecker looked and acted every bit the head of state he

In a 90-minute address. interrupted several times by both catcalls and cheers in courtroom 700 of the Moabit prison. Herr Honecker said he was being labelled as a crimi-nal by the German govern-ment which once extended its hand and recognition to him in a state visit to West Gemany in 1987. "They're labelling as a criminal the people who were once received with honours," he said.

In a brief reference to those killed by his border guards, Herr Honecker said: "We were of course deeply concerned about any killings in East Germany. But the con-struction of the wall was a necessity." Warsaw Pact pres-sure and, above all, pressure from Khruschev, the then Soviet leader, had necessitated erecting the wall, he said. As he spoke, he looked above and beyond the relatives of several of the victims. More than 350 people were said to have been shot dead by border guards or blown up by mines in no man's land around West Berlin and along the inter-German border.

Looking resplendent in a dark suit, white shirt and red tie and appearing relatively fit despite his liver cancer, which doctors say will claim his life within 18 months, Herr Honecker seemed to relish playing the role of accuser as he lashed out at the three successive West German governments that he claimed had

given him subtle support in perpetuating two Germanies

balance of terror in Europe. His supporters, led by mem-bers of the East German leftwing Spartakist movement. cheered him on as he denounced his accusers. Several times Herr Honecker denched his fist and shook it in the air in a communist gesture. Some observers shook their head and said it reminded them more of earlier Honecker addresses to the communist party congresses

as a way of preserving the

than of a defence. Outside the courtroom, an East Berlin former political prisoner said he found it "a bit perverse that when the Germans put terrorists on trial they had no right to make an opening statement. But Herr Honecker had 90 minutes to deliver his "quatsch"

Herr Honecker was joined in the defendants' box again by Heinz Kessler, the former East German defence minister. Fritz Streletz, formerly



Honecker denouncing the case yesterday

Herr Kessler's deputy, and Hans Albrecht, the former communist party chief in the city of Suhl. All were members of the former National Defence Council which oversaw security at the wall. None of them elected to read an opening statement to the court. although court officials say that Herr Kessler may read a statement when the case is resumed on Monday. Two other defendants. Erich Mielke, the former Stasi security chief, and Willi Stoph. the former prime minister. have been excused from appearing in court because of their poor health.

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# Peking keeps up the pressure on Patten but agrees to talk

China, while maintaining its tough stance with Britain. has embarked on a course to improve its relationship with Vietnam

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING AND JAMES PRINGLE IN HONG KONG

PEKING yesterday repeated a are still needed." Mr Li said. warning that it might aban-don its agreement with Britain on Hong Kong's future if Chris Patten, the governor, did not step into line, but said that China would take part in talks with British officials next week as planned.

Li Jianying, acting foreign ministry spokesman, said at a weekly press conference that China would take part in Joint Liaison Group (JLG) meetings next week, and "hoped for positive remarks". These are the first meetings of the group to take place since Mr Patten announced proposals in October for expanding democracy in Hong Kong. Given the escalating row over the proposais there had been speculation that China would refuse to take part. That speculation grew when Peking said last month that it would not hold talks on political reform until Mr Patten withdrew his

The optimistic tone of Mr Li's remarks on the JLG meeting, however, was overshadowed by his reiteration of comments made by Zhu Rongji, the deputy prime minister, on his visit to London last month. "The issue facing the British side is now whether the Sino-British Joint Declaration and the other agreements

The Joint Declaration of 1984 protects Hong Kong's way of life for 50 years after China takes over in 1997. Peking has said that if Mr Patten's proposals are put into practice, it will dismantle the legislature and the judiciary after it takes over, thus breaking the Joint Declaration.

The agenda for the JLG meetings next week has not yet been made public, but some discussion of Mr Patten's proposals seems inevitable. Many issues which are in theory unrelated to democratisation, such as Hong Kong's plans for a new sirport, have become caught up in the growing row. British officials said they doubted that Mr Li's remarks about "positive results" meant that China was prepared to make any concessions, pointing out that Peking's rhetoric becoming increasingly

Li Peng, the Chinese prime minister, was on a goodwill mission to Vietnam. In an effort to calm fears of Chinese expansionism, he agreed to negotiate with Hanoi over territorial disputes never previ-

ously acknowledged by China. One diplomat commented that Li Pene's visit - the first by a Chi ese premier in 21 years - was in itself a concession to Vietnam, half of which

it ruled for 1.000 years. He said China was worried that Vietnam would use growing ties with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) - Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand - to convince the organisation that China had expansionist designs, "Vietnam is a threat for China because it has persuasive power in the region, not only with Asean but also with

Japan," he said. The Peking regime is evidently keen to improve relations with Vietnam. It angered Hanoi this year by announc-ing plans to search for oil off Vietnam's shores, by setting up a new presence on a small island in the disputed Spratly Islands and by seizing Vietnamese cargo ships sailing near southern China, Speaking in Hanoi, Mr Li

blamed Britain for the stock market crash in Hong Kong. Analysts said that China hoped its show of optimism and willingness to take part in JLG talks would boost the confidence on the stock mar-

At ease: a Chinese boy dressed in People's Liberation Army uniform waiting at Peking's crowded train station. A larger terminus is under construction

ket. They speculated that, after the talks concluded, China would blame Britain for their failure, plunging the market into chaos once again.

"They are using the stock market to terrorise the people of Hong Kong. They don't seem to care that people are losing a lot of money because of them," said one analyst.

Despite Peking's calls for Mr Patten to withdraw his proposals, China's leaders are probably aware that for him to do so would be to admit defeat and to ruin his political reputation. China's threats appear to be aimed at undermining his position in Hong Kong rather than at persuading him to change his mind. Mr Patten's proposals for extending the franchise in the 1995 elections have to be put to a vote in the Legislative Council in the spring before they can become law. China hopes to cause enough instability in Hong Kong before then to turn public opinion and the

Legislative Council against Mr Patten. in Hong Kong, Mr Patten

said that nobody had ever made any money by betting against Hong Kong. But as China kept up the pressure, the stock market slumped 433 points, the largest fall since the current round of political ten-

Mr Patten tried to put a brave face on things. "I have not done anything to affect what has happened in the market this week," he said. He insisted the colony's economic base was probably sounder than in any other community in the world and,

with a wink and a nod, told investors: "I strongly suspect there are some rather good buys in the market at the

But small investors were not buying and they dustered anxiously round brokerage windows to stare at television monitors as the Hang Seng index continued to slide. It has lost more than 1,000 points already this week, a fall of 17 per cent, closing yesterday below the 5,000 mark.

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Cradock, the former ambassador to Peking and adviser to Margaret Thatcher, in a widely disseminated BBC interiew, in which he declared: "I would say this is the most serious crisis we have had over Hong Kong for the last ten years. To find anything like the same state of tension you would have to go back to the Cultural Revolution in the

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Diplomatic drive: Li Peng waving to Vietnamese officials at the end of a three-day visit to Hanoi

#### March on mosque divides Hindus

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

TENS of thousands of Hindus are heading for the holy city of Ayodhya for the second time in two years to try to knock down an ancient mosque. The world's second largest Muslim population is being confronted by the same religious extremists who sent a wave of destruction across northern India in 1990.

This time Muslims may have reason to be less fearful. Parties in the political mainstream have become disgusted by the political exploitation of Hinduism and are united in fighting it. It is a trial of strength for the pro-Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). which many regard as fascist. It made extraordinary advances in the general election in the middle of last year by fomenting Hindu-Muslim conflict. It controls the huge northern state of Uttar Pradesh, in which Ayodhya is situated and where a quarter of all Indian Muslims live.

On this occasion the conflict is not primarily a Hindu-Muslim one. It is a contest between extremist and moderate Hindus, with the character of Hinduism and of India's secularism at stake. The Muslims of northern India, emerging slowly from poverty and illiteracy, hope that victory for moderation will mark another stage in their struggle for

equality and acceptance.

Kar sevaks (holy workers)

have been marching for days

towards Ayodhya to a cacophony of drums and conches. At least 30,000 are on the city outskirts, and a formidable paramilitary force awaits them. Lal Krishna Advani, the leader of the BJP, has been sending confused signals. First he said he would respect court orders protecting the mosque. Then he declared two days ago that the workers would go to Ayodhya with shovels. His changing stance reflects divisions among extremist Hindu organisations over tactics and timing.

#### Release of Cambodia **UN troops** predicted

By DAVID WATTS AND JAMES PRINGLE

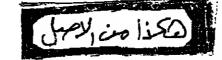
THE commanding general of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in Cambodia predicted yesterday that six of his men being held hostage by a Khmer Rouge commander would probably be re-leased this morning. General John Sander-

son, an Australian, expressed optimism after a Khmer Rouge general ordered the immediate release of the three Britons. two Filipinos and a New Zealander. He said the order from General Nuon Bunno, the senior Khmer Rouge liaison officer in Phnom Penh. had probably reached the commander in Kompong Thom wince, who seized the UN peacekeepers on Tues-day and accused them of spying for the Phnom Penh government.

Gen Sanderson said. however, he was con-cerned that the local commander might disobey the order. Khmer Rouge leaders had said the local commander was operating on his own and an earlier message informing him that taking UN hostages was against the group's policy had not secured their release.

The Khmer Rouge demand that Phnom Penh troops withdraw from the Kompong Thom area in exchange for the release of the hostages must be taken seriously since control of this province is the key to control of Cambodia. Chieng Am, the governor of the province, an impor-tant rice-growing area, said recently: "If the Khmer Rouge seize this province they can attack Phnom Penh and the provinces to the south and east. The whole of Cambodia would be open to them."





# Major rules out 'Balkan Storm' operation in Bosnia



Panic hopes to run for

DIPLOMATS preparing the ground for the Yugoslav conerence in Geneva on December 16 are working out ways in which limited military action against Serbia can be put on

The verdict of most Euroean and all Islamic states is that Serbia has been breaking the promises it made at the London peace conference in August and that some firmer litimatum is required if the European Community is to save its face as a power broker possibilities of diplomacy have not been exhausted, but it is plain that piecemeal negotiations are not working.

There is pressure, too, from the Islamic Conference Org-anisation, which this week urged much stronger United Nations action within 40 days. If that does not emerge, several Islamic states are committed to breaking the UN arms embargo and delivering weapons to the Muslims in Bosnia. Jim Hoagland, the

The West's strategy of supporting Milan Panic to undermine Slobodan Milosevic has hit a rock. Roger Boyes writes

Macedonia, Albania and even

Bulgaria, may become a per-

The motives of the Euro-

pean power brokers are less clear. Why talk war when

neither the diplomatic nor the

military framework for such

an operation is in place? Those

closest to the negotiations,

such as Cyrus Vance, are naturally still committed to

manent source of instability.



diplomacy. John Major, durmentator, said in The Washing parliamentary question time yesterday, also tried to put a lid on the war-talk. ington Post yesterday that intervention should not be based on "ease or guilt" but only on the basis of national One political objective of interest. The Islamic states heating up the dimate at this seem to be motivated mainly moment is that a war-threatening posture could influence the outcome of the Serbian presidential election on De-cember 20. A barbed ultima by guilt at the treatment of fellow Muslims, and by the fear that the Muslims of Europe, in Bosnia, Kosovo,

> Milan Panic, who hopes to run against Slobodan Milo-sevic for the presidency. Mr Panic has publicly committed himself to stopping the fighting in Bosnia, negotiating a solution in Kosovo and recognising the internal frontiers of Yugoslavia; in the

tum to the Serbs on December

16 would boost the chances of

chiding Germany, Mr Panic's last port of call) he represents an escape route from the crisis.

Mr Milosevic, however, is still the likely winner of the election. He controls the Serbian media and the police machine, as well as having good contacts with those waging war in Bosnia. A clear sign of his power was evident yesterday when Mr Panic was denied the right to run for the presidency on a legal technicality. Mr Panic will appeal and the Serbian opposition

strations in his support.

Mr Panic, a Serbian-American businessman, was decommission to be ineligible to he had not been resident for a year. It rejected his claim that he had been resident since June 1991, noting that he had been registered as a foreigner until he became prime minister in July. Caslav Ignjatovic, head of the commission, said Mr Panic had 48 hours to lodge an appeal with the

will no doubt mobilise demon-

Serbian Supreme Court, of which Mr Ignjatovic is also

If Mr Panic's disqualification is upheld the election could collapse. A poll without the opposition is unlikely to impress a large segment of Serbian society, let alone the international community, as in exercise in democracy. In another development, se-

nior military officials called on Mr Panic to suspend his work as federal defence minister during the election campaign. This seemed to indicate that Mr Panic does not have support within the military establishment, which he has been claiming.

Mr Panic was initially dismissed a as political light-weight when he was invited by President Cosic to become prime minister this summer. Since then he has proved to be immensely popular and has

The issue of Mr Panics candidacy was not the only

meeting of opposition leaders last night. They claim that the names of many voters believed to be opposition supporters. have been illegally removed from the electoral rolls. In the meantime, however,

it is not clear which military options are immediately available to the Western peace brokers. Politicians can agree on the swift dispatch of UN observers to Macedonia and perhaps Kosovo to help prevent the spread of war southwards. But to make the appropriate warning noises to Serbia, something more formidable seems to be required. At present that appears to include two military measures that both carry some risk of

The first is to enforce the nofly zone over Bosnia, which has been violated more than 100 times. The US seems prepared to contribute to such a mission. There are war-like implications in a rigidly enforced air exclusion zone, Serbian airfields could conceivbe bombarded. Mr

yesterday, was firmly opposed to spreading military opera-tions beyond air policing. "We have no immediate plans to go further," he said, seeming to rule out any immediate prospect of a Balkan Storm-style

The second military step would be to extend the rules of ment for UN troops in engagement for UN troops in Bosnia. That would require some hard diplomacy at the any move that could transform dearly anti-Serbian. Both these limited me

fall well short of the demand for an all-out war against towards revising the image of European impotence in the Balkans. That, in the modest context of European peace broking, could be counted a

Additional reporting by Tim Judah in Belgrade

# British troops fired on by Muslims and Serbs

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BRITISH troops in Bosnia came under fire from opposing sides for the first time

In separate incidents, the British United Nations contingent was targeted by artillery near the Serb frontline and Muslim gummen appeared to aim automatic fire at soldiers outside their base in Vitez, north of Sarajevo.

Serb gunners let loose a barrage of seven mortar and three artillery shells on a convoy of Warriors as they mission in the town of Turbe. early yesterday afternoon. One damage, but no fire was between 20 and 200 yards away from the vehicles. The Serb artillery position was identified but it was more than a mile out of range of the cannon mounted on top of the

This is not the first time than British troops have come under mortar fire, but the attack has serious implications. The devastated town of Turbe is a vitally important staging post on the road to Travnik. It is regularly bombarded; if and when it falls to the Serbs, they will be poised to capture Travnik, a town of 70,000 close to Vitez where over 1,000 British soldiers are based. But yesterday, Turbe was quiet with the streets busy with pedestrians. The shelling had stopped until the British armoured vehicles appeared outside.

British neutrality in Bosnia makes the troops vulnerable to all sides. Their worst misgivings may be realised as they become more gunmen's targets than peacekeepers

The Serb attack on the Warriors illustrates the essential weakness of the presence of British and other UN forces in Bosnia - visible enough to be shot at, but lacking the authority under the UN's rules of engagement to fire back at the Serbs' long-range artillery

The attack on the Warriors is a reversal of the recent trend presence, at least in nearby Travnik where Warriors have been making regular patrols, has helped reduce shelling. For the first time Serb gunners are directly targeting British

In the second incident, between five and 10 rounds of automatic gunfire were fired at a British troop carrier shortly after 1 pm. "The carrier was passing our main base in Vitez and the shooting was an individual action," said a Brit-

At the same time, a convoy of aid trucks came under sustained machinegun fire near Vitez, and a British military rapid response team was immediately dispatched. Both these incidents took place within territory controlled jointly by Croat and Muslim

About 30 rounds of medi-



um calibre machinegum fire were fired at the convoy. and the quick reaction team of soldiers was dispatched to find the source of the shooting, a British officer said. A further 50 rounds were fired from a second position, but the British soldiers were unable to

Ironically, yesterday was the first time British troops have fired their artillery. Two shells were accidentally discharged from a Warrior vehicle after a mechanical failure. Military sources said there was no evidence of any damage or

The attack on the troop carrier and the aid convoy is an illustration of the unpredictable nature of the Bosnian fighting forces. It is possible that the convoy was fired on for criminal, rather than political or military reasons — there is a thriving black market in this part of Bosnia — but this series of incidents shows the dangers the British UN con-

On the surface, towns such as Vitez are calm, with no shelling. The scene in the villages outside is pastoral and idyllic, green fields surrounding snow-capped mountains, and clear gushing brooks. But Serb forces are just a few miles away just down the road, and poised to strike

Until now, the question has been how the British troops will respond if they are fired on by the Serbs. But yesterday's events showed that no question is that simple and

about the Serbs," said one soldier. "But we are here to be entirely neutral, and it doesn't matter who is shooting at us. If someone fires at us while we carry out our duties, and we can identify where they are, we will fire back. We will find out their denomination when we bury them."

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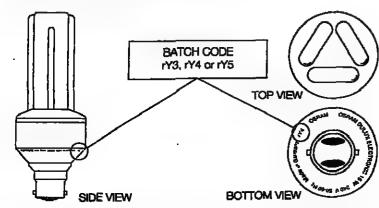
Chocolate drop: a British soldier, part of the force protecting the UN aid convoy to Maglaj in Bosnia, giving a sweet treat to a four-year-old boy in Lijesnica

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#### Why Whitehall fears commitment in a lengthy conflict it cannot afford

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

SEVEN months after fighting unwilling to contemplate any erupted in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Foreign Office and the defence ministry in London are probably wishing that they had opted to send troops to Somalia to protect food for the starving instead of having more than 2,000 soldiers struggling to deliver aid to the victims of the civil war in the former Yugoslavia.

As Washington made clear vesterday, the American relief effort in Somalia is intended to be a quick and decisive exercise, with the troops back by next month. Operation Grapple in Bosnia, on the other hand, threatens to be a protracted affair, with the risk of the soldiers being drawn

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, appears to be leaning towards the apocalyptic view of the war spreading to Kosovo and Macedonia, bringing on other countries in the region such as Albania, Bulgaria, Turkey and Greece a catastrophe in the making. Mr Hurd opposes military intervention but he is now questioning everything.

Malcolm Rifland, the defence secretary, is mindful of the fate of 2,400 British soldiers trying to deliver humanitarian aid and is also

offensive role for the troops. He continues to deploy the same arguments: intervention would require 100,000 troops, many of whom would be British, and substantial General Sir Peter Inge, chief of the general staff, and Lieutenant General Sir Michael Wilkes, commander-in-chief UK land forces, Britain's most senior army officers, have visited Bosnia. Neither is likely to have returned to Whitehall with the opinion that British troops should be

sent to Bosnia to sort out the Serbs. Mr Rifkind's position, and that of his senior military advisers, is not based on moral or geopolitical grounds. They leave those considerations to the Foreign Office and No 10. The defence ministry argument against becoming embroiled in a war in Bosnia is based on practicalities: the size of the force required, the equipment needed, the expected length of the operation and

predicted level of The figure of 100,000 troops produced by Mr Rifkind is not a precise calculation. It merely underlines the ministry view that an



Rifkind: reluctant to back offensive role

expeditionary force to Bosnia to take on the Serbs would need to be substantial. Half the 100,000 would be logistics and support, leaving about

three divisions to fight.

Britain could only contribute to a force of that size if it were part of a multinational effort which would have to include the Americans. Yet even the sending of a full brigade with artillery, tanks. helicopters and back-up for a campaign which could be extended would at a stroke. destroy the government's Op-tions for Change defence poli-cy under which the army is to be cut by 40,000 by 1995. The British army of the 1990s is

supposed to be a measured army capable of giving mea-sured responses. Fighting Serbs in a protracted war does not feature on the list of contingencies for the post-Options era. However, if a decision were

taken tomorrow to send a force to Bosnia, Britain would be able to respond. Even under Options, the army is to retain the full mix of capabilities necessary for high and low intensity wars. A conflict in Bosnia would quickly draw in a large percentage of Britain's military resources, especially if there were substantial

With such practical considerations in mind, let alone the question of long-term objectives and the implications for British defence policy, Mr Rifkind is unlikely to change his tune, however much anguish Mr Hurd may be feeling over the possible scenarios for a full-scale Balkan war. ☐ Bonn: Germany now accepts as confirmed reports of systematic mass rape of Muslim women by Serbs in Bosnia, a government spokesman said yesterday. Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, will demand at the Edinburgh summit next week that European ministers "take a clear and extremely

strong stand on these

#### **UN** risks losing Russian support on Serbia

FROM BRUCE CLARK

President Yeltsin and Andrei Kozyrev, his foreign minister, have in-curred huge political cost at home by following the Western line over the for-mer Yugoslavia and taking part in sanctions against Scrbis, a nation with historic links to Russia.

While the ordinary Russian is too preoccupied care about Yugosisvia, the cause of Serbia enjoys sympathy across the political spectrum, including the neo-fascists of the Pamyat movement.

Hence any move by the West for even tougher security council action against Serbia, or for outright military intervention, would run a strong risk of to its new-found Western friends to breaking point. Russia has already shown sions of embarrassment over the present line from the UN Security Council: officials have repeatedly suggested that sanctions against Serbia could be cased if Belgrade were to

alter its policy. One matter on which Russia has stood firm is in its opposition to any suggestion of expelling Yugoslavia from the United Nations. If, as seems likely, the Congress of People's Deputies forces the government to modify its pro-Western foreign policy line, one of the first results would be a tilt away from postility towards Serbia in favour of something like benign neutrality.

Viadimir Lukin, the Russian ambassador Washington, who is seen by some "centrists" as a better candidate for foreign minister than Mr Kozyrev, would almost certainly take a more understanding attitude towards

Serbia if he got the job.
From Mr Kozyrev's
point of view, the advent of Milan Panic has been a godsend: it has enabled him to argue that Serbia does have an acceptable face and that UN sanctions are directed at the behaviour of Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, and not the Serbian people.

Last month, Churkin, Mr Kozyrev's deputy, cast all niceties about non-interference aside when he issued a strong statement of concem for the political sur-vival of Mr Panic. However's Moscow's clear support for Mr Panic over Mr Milosevic could change if the broader balance of power in Moscow shifts towards the Russian

nationalist camp. The same applies to Moscow's attitude to the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia. While Mr Kozyrev has recognized the Skopje authorities under the name of Macedonia, his critics have shown more sympathy for Greece's insistence that it has an historic monopoly on the right to that name.

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### UN wants firm grip on American-led forces in Somalia

Non-aligned nations are determined not to allow Washington the same freedom in Somalia that it had to prosecute the Gulf war

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND SAM KILEY IN MOGADISHU

(known locally as a "techni-cal") what he thinks about the arrival of the Americans.

"Great," the youth says. "The

Americans will drive up the price to \$500 a day for a

Like many real-life gang-sters in the city, the youth was convinced that just as the

arrival of unarmed UN ob-

servers and later 500 Paki-stani "blue helmets" meant

that they were able to find work as bodyguards (at \$200 a day per technical), so Ameri-

can soldiers will need protect-

In Paris, President Mit-

terrand's office announced

that France would send a military force to Somalia. Lib-

eration reported that France

was preparing to contribute

2,000 troops.

ing from their fellow hoods.

THE security council resolution which authorises military intervention in Somalia by an American-led force provides for much greater United Nations oversight than during the Gulf war.

The resolution, due to be

adopted last night grants members of the US-led coalition the same permission to use "all necessary means" to achieve its objective of protecting aid supplies to Somalia, suffering from drought and civil war, as allied forces were given in their effort to expel President Saddam Hussein's troops from Kuwait. But this time non-aligned council members, who felt Washington was given too free a hand against Iraq, have inserted language designed to rein in the planned American-led force in Somalia

The resolution requires members of the coalition force and Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary general, to set up "appropriate mechathe UN and the



intervention force. The text also stipulates that the security council will send an ad hoc commission to Somalia to report on implementation of the resolution and asks the secretary-general to attach a liaison staff to the field headquarters of the operation.
On the question of who will

determine when the multinational force has achieved its objective, the resolution asks Dr Boutros Ghali to declare when "a secure environment" has been established and normal UN peacekeeping operations can resume. Comparing the terms of the Somalia deployment with that of the Gulf war, Paul Noterdaeme, the Belgian ambassador to the UN, said: The role of the secretary-general is much more important. The role of the security council is much

Washington sources said last night that the force would be led by Lieutenant General Robert Johnston of the Marine Corps. He was General Norman Schwarzkopf's chief of staff during the Gulf war. The first US troops could land in Somalia today from a task force of 1,800 US Marines aboard three amphibious

assault ships.

In Mogadishu, the Somali capital, General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the dominant warlord, flooded the city yesterday with leaflets proclaiming "USA is friend" and "USA water anarith" (Welcome USA) waa saaxiib" (Welcome USA). The propaganda may be un-necessary. A newspaper draw-ing shows a civilian asking a mad-eyed teenage gunman sitting on a Jeep mounted with a four-barrel anti-aircraft gun



Out of reach: a woman pedestrian stepping briskly beyond the clutches of a giant painted hand, which adorns hoardings that cover a vacant shop in the commercial district of Cincinnati, Ohio

#### Bentsen is tipped for treasury

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER
IN WASHINGTON

BILL Clinton, the American president-elect, is expected to announce his Cabinet ap-pointments soon, and Lloyd Bentsen, 71, the chairman of the Senate finance committee, is widely tipped for the post of treasury secretary.

First elected to Congress in 1948, Mr. Benisen knows as

well as anyone how to have legislation enacted on Capitol Hill. He is a steady moderate who would not alarm the financial markets.

There are two factors that could persuade Mr Clinton to keep Mr Bentsen, the Democrats' 1988 vice-presidential candidate, where he is. Texas Democrats are worried that a Republican could win his Senate seat in a by-election, and he would be replaced on the finance committee by Patrick Moynihan, who is considered in Washington as less depend-able and less politically astate. Mr Bentsen's main rival is believed to be Robert Rubin, Sachs, the New York investment banking firm, who advised Mr Clinton during the

#### Black militants widen rift with Pretoria

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

A GROWING bitterness between the South African government and militarits of the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) is threatening efforts to reopen multiparty talks aimed at bringing an orderly end to white rule.

The hostility between the two sides has ended a period in which they were apparently edging closer after the inter-vention of President Mugabe of Zimbabwe. A meeting which was to have taken place next Wednesday has been called off because of the attack on a golf dub in King William's Town in the eastern Cape at the weekend. The Azanian People's Liberation Army, the PAC's armed wing. has claimed responsibility.

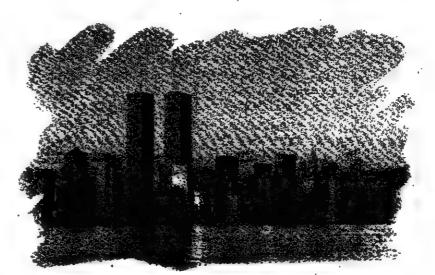
Another event jeopardising

a renewal of constitutional talks is the startling demarche by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the KwaZulu leader and president of the mainly Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party, who has unilaterally launched a new federal constitution.

Yesterday, Clarence Makwent, the PAC president, said that the reward of 50,000 rand (£11,000) offered after the golf club killing of four whites "just shows that the life of a black man is valueless". Mr Makwetu said that he was also unhappy about the performance of the United Nations monitors in South Africa, who he said were just collecting statistics on how many black

people die each day. Mr Makwetu was adamant that the commission of enquiry into violence and intimidation under Mr Justice Richard Goldstone would not be allowed to investigate the Azanian people's army. The UN has insisted that the commission should examine the SA Defence Force, the police, and the armies of the liberation movements such as Umkhonto we Sizwe, the ANC's armed wing, and the Azanian people's army.

President de Klerk was stung by Chief Buthelezi's launch of a unilateral constitution and issued a statement saying it would increase instability. Chief Buthelezi said yesterday he was pressing ahead with plans for a Natal



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#### Lennon killer's demons 'purged'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE man who murdered John Lennon believes he has "exorcised the demons" which he says drove him to kill the former Beatle 12 years ago. Mark David Chapman,

37, who was sentenced to a term of twenty years to life for killing Lennon, told Barbara Walters of ABC television in an interview broadcast today that he did not think he was killing a real person when he shot the musician outside his New York home.

Please understand Yoko," he said, addressing Yoko Ono, Lennon's widow, in the first television interview he has given. "I killed an image. I killed an album cover ... There's now enough pain in the world and I caused a Titanic's worth overnight

with some stupid thing.

Chapman, who will be eligible for parole in eight years, said he was pos-sessed at the time of the murder, but that his "de-

mous" had been exorcised by a priest outside Attica prison in New York where he is held.

"This was real," he said of the exorcism, "and when those things came out of me I could feel them I could feel them when they

came out of my mouth." Chapman expressed admiration for the doorman at the Dakota building where Lennon lived, who wrestled the gun away from him, and he also offered his

regrets to Yoko Ono.
"I took away a genius."
he said, "I don't expect them to forgive me. I'm not asking that. But I am sorry. I mean that."

A psychiatrist diagnosed Chapman as exhibiting "the symptoms of virtually every malady in psychiatric literature", but said that in spite of prolonged drug use, he was "keenly aware of the daily realities by which mental health is gauged".

After weeks of public hounding — plus relentless persecution by the tabloids — Norman Lamont reveals himself to be a surprisingly cheerful man

# The sum of my content

Lamont is discovering, are the uses of adversity. What could be sweeter than a robin flying in through a window at Dorneywood last Sunday and perching on an armchair, for all the world like a Christmas

"Birds are a wonderful soothing thing." Mr Lamont says. If every man should have a hobby, as Lady Bracknell observed, all politicians must have their secret passions. With Mr Lamont it is birds "The beauty of birds, ordinary birds, is that you can watch them wherever you are: here, for instance" - he rose from his armchair in his tennis court-sized office at the Treasury, to look through a win-dow onto the Foreign Office roof, on a black, rainy night — "there are always pigeons and starlings, can you hear them? The most beautiful bird in the world, to me, is a blackbird, for its physical beauty and its song." At board meetings of British Steel, he said, he would sit, while Sir Ian MacGregor



talked, quite absorbed by the kestrels nesting on the window ledge outside; at peaceful Dorneywood he has identified three types of woodpecker.

When I watch the nightjar on a midsummer night on a marsh in Suffolk" (where Aldeburgh) "or a bittern, a common sight in the 16th century, what I love about it is that they have been there for hundreds of years." grouse perhaps, when I come out of Number Eleven to a long line of photographers and telescopic lenses.

What a gloomy building the Treasury is: sustere brown

paint, dirige-coloured walls, stifling atmosphere Mr Lamont likens it to a psychiatric hospital in the former Soviet Union, where one might see some refuserilk being wheeled on a trolley. In his waiting room is the

new Private Eye, with the Chancellor ("No credit left") on the cover. The Lamonts are pictured outside the Grand Hotel Brighton Flunkey No 1: "How would you like to pay, sir?" Lamont, all smiles: "With the taxpayers' money." Flue-key No 2: "That'll do nicely." Mr Lamont is learning to

take the Access card episode as Earlier that day he had taken down to his constituency in Kingston to address a busi nessmen's lunch where great sport had been made of the whole affair: the line "He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first Access card" had gone down very well.

He keeps saying he does not wish to wininge and need but the press, he says, has been seriously obstructing him from getting on with his job. "Last Friday," he says, "I was in. Brussels with M Delors, negotiating our contribution to the European Community. And to have to leave that meeting to telephone my private office to answer questions about whether I had bought a bottle of wine in Paddington, and the price of that wine, was the

was he listening yesterday when The Moral Maze on public man's private life has a bearing on his competence ("I think it does," he says, "but not when you haven't done any thing.") He had not read Lord Deedes's defence of his credit card debt, which pointed out that since Tory ministers are no longer from the squirear-chy, they struggle like all of us to make ends meet The Charcellor's financial difficulties are by no means singular." Mr Lamont interrupts: "I most point out that I am not in. financial difficulties. And I. really don't think Access bills are a matter of public interest. But wasn't it a shock that his Access bills could be published? (His next visitor after

me was a lady from the Data Protection Register.) Should the press be restrained? "I think if they are not careful,"

said Mr Lamont, come a major political issue of the 1990s, as the unions were in the 1970s. They are both over-mighty subjects." Colleagues who have previously stood firmly against any privacy legislation, he added, are now swinging in favour of regulation, and he believes

the public is, too. I read that my view is that there is a conspiracy. But I emphatically do not believe in me the press have a powerfully destructive herd instinct, which I believe will be their

undoing."
He had to agree that the News of the World's revelation about his tenant Miss Whiplash was a story they could not ignore. "Having found it out, the tabloids went to extraordinary lengths to try to manufacture a connection between myself and this woman. That is what took so much time: not only to deny it, because they don't accept denials, but to prove the denial to their satisfaction. That took time."

Weren't the solicitor Peter Carter-Ruck's fees for handling the press — £4,000 — scandalously high? "No. I don't think so. I think the press have a cheek even to suggest that. They create a situation or an incident, magnify it, ask a thousand questions an hour, and then wonder why it costs so much and takes so long to answer them. Those situations are to a certain extent manufactured, prolonged and dis-

torted. But he preferred to condemn the press for its un-Lamont", this week. If he had. speakable treatment of the would it make him even more royal family. "I think the press

the height of absurdity' and Nigel had periods of the most dreadful press." He was furious when reporters intruded The press have not been amiable to Mr Lamont. But he has lacked finesse when dealon his son in hospital and at ing with them, too. Ever since school. This week, the children the distant but unforgotten mystery of his black eye, journalists have found him and his wife Rosemary have been crosser than he has but his daughter, aged 15, im-pressed him by saying, "If-Dad can take it, why can't thin-skinned and reichy. which he allows that "possibly, initially, I was". They compare Mr Lamont's truculent manner with David Mellor's open

thriller. There's no other way I would like to spend my life." The Chancellor's job is what he always wanted: to be at the cutting edge of the great issue of the past 30 years, i.e., why Britain has not been able to make itself a wealthier country more quickly. "Historians may judge this a rather silly ques-tion to be obsessed with," he adds, "because the capacity of governments to alter those things may not be very great. It may be more to do with the ing in your bath? "I do that frequently," he said.

"After we left the ERM I

Times diary this week? Alas, he said, he remembered even when the drawing first appeared, wishing he did look like that. Inspired to read Eng-Lit by Peter Wood, his English master at Loretto in Edin-burgh, he later switched to economics, thinking he could spend the rest of his lifereading. Alas he has not read a book for two months. "Someone kindly asked me for my

book of the year and I had to

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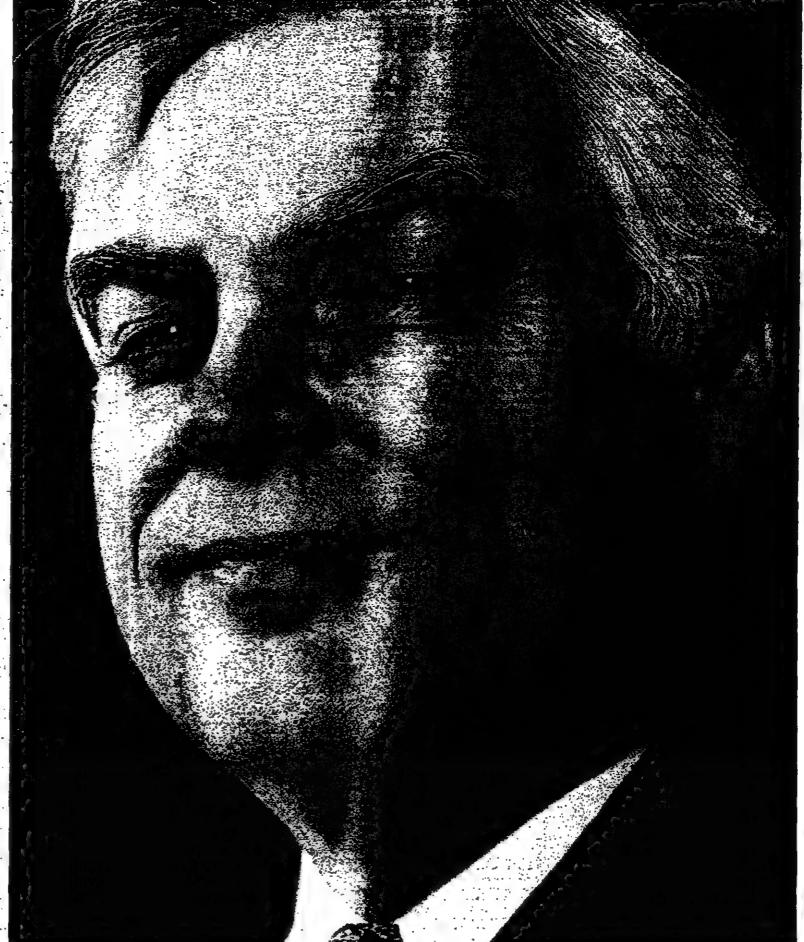
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the Bingham Report [about BCCI] - better than any thriller." sympathetic friend has sent him an apposite quotation from Thomas Jefferson:

"You have received the federal unction of lying and slandering...falsehood and calumny are the engine of opposition and the weapon of the enerny." He was appreciative, but said his spirits needed no bolstering, as he went off to

vote in the Maastricht dehate. Later, however, he rang me from the Commons, in a very bolstered state. Never in his career had so many members stopped him to declare their support. "On reflection," he said, "all that has happened in the past few days is that I have been reassured by the wholehearted support of my colleagues." Perhaps there is. after all, no such thing as a



Difficulties, what difficulties? Mr Lamont says "I have been perfectly cheerful recently. I haven't been got down, it has not been traumatic"

not completely oblivious to

what people write. But I have

found their reactions predict-

able, and not particularly

thoughtful. For two years we have grappled with the real problem of getting inflation down, and much of the press

have been resistant to that.

They do not analyse policy

with the interests of the coun-

try at heart." As for predicting

cabinet reshuffles, that, he

says, is the last refuge of the

hack. He does not

expect an early re-shuffle. He is work-

ing on his March

budget, or would be if he had not been deflected by having to make ripostes.

Chancellors nev-

er get an easy ride. "Selwyn Lloyd had

a terribly unpopu-iar time in 1961

over the wages freeze. Geoffrey

Howe was a great Chancellor, with

qualities of dogged-

ness and persis-tence. But both he

et he said the rewards

(emotional, not financial) are huge.
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'I was with M Delors . . . to have to leave that meeting to telephone my private office to answer questions about whether I had bought a bottle of wine in Paddington, and the price of that wine, was

has now finally over-reached.

itself. Tabloid newspapers are

entertainment, and I am all

for entertainment, but no-one

condones their methods of

paying for information, en-

couraging people to tell unsub-stantiated allegations, or inviting readers to listen in to

someone else's alleged private

telephone conversations," he

says. "Newspapers in my view often come very close to break-

tained even when doomed to fall on his tripwire. "But anybody here will tell you." Mr Lamont says, "I have been perfectly cheerful recently. 1 haven't been got down, it has not been traumatic. I've had plenty of time in the past couple of years to steel my defences, waking up every day under continuous siege from the papers, with words screaming at me. People in this office would say I am fairly thick skinned, contrary to what others say, and very calm." Sing-

didn't read a newspaper for a month. I just decided it wasn't worth it. I knew what I wanted to do and what I had to do. I didn't think I was going to learn anything from them." He had not read Simon Heffer's "Go now, Mr

national character, our institutions, our education." He was one of the 1960s Cambridge matia John Gum-mer, Kenneth Clarke, Leon Brittan, his former flat-mate and best man Michael Howard) but had he ever resembled the Dorian Gray-like carica-ture of his youthful self when cheekbones, black hair, flamdetermined to stay?."No, I am



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# Love me, love my presents

What madness drives parents to sleep overnight in car parks at a

child's whim? Libby Purves reports

all know how they fight over toys. They get carried away by crazes and all rush for the same thing, shoving and bursting into tears when another one

grabs it first. There's always one a bit taller and greedier than the rest. who seizes three and refuses to share. In the end, you have to make them queue up and take turns. Its part of their education, really. I refer, of course, to parents. For

the past month, remarkable and desperate scenes have been enacted outside big multiple toyshops at

dawn, with crowds of up to 200 hope-ful parents gather-This is more ing silently from lam, like a Moscomplicated, cow food queue. After a particularly deeper and undisciplined stampede for aisle dafter, than 301 on the first weekend, Jeremy just giving a Tucker — the man-

ager of the Ipswich child a toy branch of Toys 'R' Us - invented a ticket system which has now been adopted by the whole of the chain. "People were running in quite fast when we opened the doors, and we worried about accidents. Now we go out very early to the queue and give the first 20 or 30 a raffle ticket, according to how many units we've had delivered. And the duty manager opens the outer doors at 7am to let people

stand in the warm." "It's much better that way." agrees my own brother, a veteran of three icy dawns on behalf of his four-year-old. "At least with the tickets you know when you've no hope, so you go home. On the big rush day I saw one large couple with three of the things, and said 'Oy, you're well above your ration!'. They just stared and said that their children had to have one each. That's a hundred quids-worth.

We're all crazy." The toy in shortage this Christmas is a large lump of moulded plastic with hangers and a launching-ramp, entitled Thunderbirds' Tracy Island. It — and the diecast vehicles which go with it - are spinoffs from the mysteriously popular re-runs of the jerky 1960s puppet series, and every toyshop and wholesaler in Britain is currently cursing the new American owners of the Matchbox company for failing to meet promised supply targets. Already there are wild "urban myths forming about the moulds being lost in Macao, or shipwrecked in the South China Seas, or captured by interior tribes. In the trade there are equally dark
— if unsubstantiated — mutterings about supplies having been diverted to Germany to earn Deutsch-

But it doesn't matter what toy it is or why. The industry lives by unpredictable crazes, and as Paul Caspari, the chairman of the London toy wholesalers Robenau. says simply: "There's always

In his 40 years' experience, he has seen many of these pre-Christmas panics when one particular toy becomes suddenly so essential that adults lose all sense of proportion. Speaking as a working mother who once scoured London, in tears, for a dreadful rubber object called a

Boglin, I can con-

firm that after a while this search has little to do with the actual wishes of your actual child, who might well prefer to have you home, relaxed, and wait a month or so for the Boglin. It is more complicated, deeper and dafter and more primitive than merely giving a child a toy. Especially, perhaps, in men. Having also suffered abrasions and trampled feet in Colchester while wrestling for plastic turtles against hardfaced Essex men in camoullagejackets. I can confirm that quite a lot of it is about naked competitiveness. The majority of the Thunderbird queue, Mr Tucker confirms, are indeed daddies. Man the hunter, balked of the ability to kill a mammoth for his little ones, uses

If Mr Caspari ever writes the Memoirs of a Toy Wholesater, his shortage stories are guaranteed to hit a nerve with anyone who has been a child or a parent in the last four decades. "Turtles and Transformers were the most recent." he says. "But going way back, do you remember the One Man Army? Now that was a huge lump of plastic with six or seven functions. It was the first of the big lumps of plastic. I sent three vans out late on Christmas eve with those." He warms to his theme like an old warrior. "We sweated over that! And do you remember Potato Head? We were in dead trouble

his elbows instead.



On the front line: parents set up camp on the pavement at Toys 'R' Us in Ipswich, hoping to get their hands on one of this year's top toys, Thunderbirds' Tracy Island

t is 6.00am on Sunday: a raw morning under the sodium lights in the !pswich Toys 'R' Us car park. Up at the front of the Thunderbirds' Tracy Island queue, under a vast fishing umbrella, Brian Fisher and Simon Wail from Norfolk crack endless jokes. "I'm here for a Sindy doll, actually," Mr Fisher says. "We got here at six in the evening. Quite a good night, actually," Mr Wail says toughly. "I don't mind sleeping out." "Ooh!" a nearby woman erupts from her mustler in indignation. "He's been taking turns with his wife, sleeping shifts in

Robert Pearson had arrived at 10pm. "Last time I did this was the 1978 Cup Final. Are we mad?" His son is five. Most of the queue seem to have children under seven. They're too young to disappoint, aren't

# Queuing by numbers

they? They'll find out about real life soon enough." The Browns, from Acle, in Norfolk. have a son of seven. "He's only asked for two things. The Lego, was easier." They have been there since midnight.

Most of the 60-strong queue have tried before. Number 16 is last week's 24th in line (23 of the toys arrived). A quiet, educated but shy man ("Please just call me Number 14") has been keeping an overnight journal and hands it to me. It reads:

"10.50pm. Number 12 has just opened the first of many bottles of home-made wine. Feeling sorry for 13, lent him my gioves.

"1.35. Sharon, from Maldon, Number 17, is offering shopping trolleys. Lay them on their side and they make good footrests.

"1.45. It's raining.
"1.50. There is sufficient cameraderie not to lose your place if you go for a pee. Number 16 has a cellphone!

"4.49. I must have dozed off for an hour, 13 and 15 went and watched Ten Seconds to Hell in 13's car. Rain stopped. Stars come out. Breeze. Even Number 39 is hopeful. He said he was 40th last week.

"5.50. Number 11 is recounting his traumatic childhood and how he had a

violent father. 'He thinks I don't remember - I do. He only comes round when there is something wrong with his car'."

Yes, some kind of group therapy has been

going on here. Sue Bateman and Jill Friston from Felinstowe, tucked up side by side, smile happily in the bitter dawn. "We two didn't know each other until last night, but we've been talking all night about how much we love our children and how wonderful they are. It's lovely."

At eight o'clock the manager arrived and opened the outer doors. Yawning and shivering, the crowd filed in. Half-an-hour later the harsh message arrived "22 toys only". Not a groan was heard from that stoical cohumn. "See you next week, then?" says my neighbour, Number 53.

# 'The Palace wanted it all ways. It always has'

here can't be too many people who, within less than a month, have been presented with pretty devastating evidence of affairs by both the Duchess of York and the Prince of Wales.

One was pictorial, the other aural. Both were knock-out blows to the royals' carefully nurtured public image of the exemplary British family, a closely knit unit protecting the values that we all hold dear.

For nine years Michael Shea, as press secretary to the Queen, was Keeper of the Untarnished Image; he must consider himself lucky he left in 1987 before the real problems started. Yet his series in The Times over the past three days has been breathtaking in its arrogance, puerile in its generalisations and so blind to reality that it's surprising he has not put in for his old job back.
Broadly speaking, his thesis is this the royal family do a good job, but "the tabloids"

whatever he means by that in the non-stop pursuit of circulation have lied, lied and lied again about it. Any problems that have arisen have been because of intrusive coverage by newspapers.

Now let's have the alterna-

tive scenario. By the end of the 1970s the royal family had become boring and was teeter-ing on the irrelevant to such an extent that when the Queen went on one of her full-scale foreign tours not a single press or television representative went with her. Not to put too fine a point on it, they were dying on their feet.

Then Lady Diana Spencer arrived. In the fluttering of a blue eyelid the royals were transformed. They had discovered a real star, one who went on to outshine all of them put together. But the revitalisation of the royal family was not achieved on its terms; it was dictated by relevision, backed

Richard Stott, a former editor of the Daily Mirror and The People,

responds to Michael Shea's attack on the tabloid press

up by newspapers. You can't be the world's No 1 cover girl without all the hullabaloo that goes with it.

The Palace, led I suspect by Prince Philip, who somehow got left behind at the Festival of Britain in 1951, wanted it all ways. It always has. But this time it had unleashed too potent a force. Everyone wanted to know everything about the Princess of Wales - and. trapped as she was by now in an uncaring and loveless marriage, there was one hell of a

Tet not one of those prattling yes-men who pass as "courtiers" had the nous or the guts to tell the Queen what she should have heard: that her family was heading full tilt towards disaster, that her two older sons were ill-equipped to deal with the modern world and that her own performance in the latest of the Palace "at homes" was at the least a puzzling anachronism to anyone under the age of 40 and at worst an embarrassing portrait of an elderly woman hopelessly out of touch with the real problems of a real

How out of touch did not become clear until this summer, when the dam finally burst, Andrew Morton's book

doll." Clearly, it's a man's life at the sharp end of the toy trade. Mr Caspari is struck by another memo ry: "Oh my goodness, Tressy Doll! Remember her? The hair grew. I had to sit up drinking with a man all night to get Tressy Dolls. People go crazy, you know. Yes, a sort of feeding frenzy, like sharks." Why do we do it? Dr Martin Herbert, a former professor of clinical psychology at Leicester, and the author of Caring for your Children, now heads the clinical

riage was in a shocking state

comfort were left wondering

how a young girl could be

brought into the royal family at the age of 19 and be

expected to live such a bizarre

existence, so devoid of affec-

tion, for the rest of her life.

This wasn't helped by her

suspicions about Camilla

Parker Bowles's relationship

John Bryan, a jumped-up

American playboy, giving off-the-record briefings about how

the Duke and Duchess of York

were getting back together again if only we could give

them a little time and breath-

ing space? In fact, as we all

know, it turned out there was

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And why should we tolerate

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too many people for

there. Only 5s/ild apiece but it child psychology special team in was like gold dust. Then one Plymouth. "Christmas," he says. "is was like gold dust. Then one terrible year, we couldn't get one of those times when the enough of Chatty Kathy the talking boundaries of good taste and good sense are permitted to be dropped a bit." But all year round, in clinics and on home visits, he has seen the rise of what he calls "the commanding child and the obedient parent". Deals, he says, are struck too readily. "I've seen promises made by desperate parents who then feel they've got to deliver even if they can't afford it. These demanding children reach a neak at the age of three or four, and parents - who are often tired, and beset by emotional and work problems -

have a very low resistance. I can understand it: sometimes one of these small children puts the eye on me too, on a home visit, and I feel myself shrivelling. Most of my work lies in helping parents to set limits with their children and making them see that this won't cost them the child's love. But it's not difficult to see that if you've got pressure from your bank manager and pressure from your child, the child is more likely to win."
But not all children are out-of-

control pesterers. Irrational parental shopping starts before babies even know the difference between a rattle (£5.99) and a cotton-reel (1p).

Here we get into murkier waters.
"It can be because parents often use children as an extension of their ego, and want the best and latest thing for their own sake," Dr Herbert says. But - even deeper. and perhaps more creditably -- "it is also to do with the stories people tell themselves about their childhood and its disappointments. Romanticised, melodramatic stories sometimes. By giving something special to your child you're giving it to your own past self."

Ah yes. At nine, I yearned for an airgun. I never got one. I am guiltily aware that my secret determination to get my son a zapper-

unconnected with this. If I had to queue nine hours, who knows? If I were anxious and insecure enough that day, I suppose I might. We think that all the disappointments. what we were getting, might some how be wiped away by one stroke of a Switch card 30 years later. Is there a cure? "No," Dr Herbert

gun for his computer game is not

says, "probably not. But slow down. Ease the anxiety. Banish the false sentiment. Ask yourself why you're standing out there in the dark to get a ridiculous, expensive toy. Will your child stop loving you if you tail? Of course not."



Stott: Palace yes-men are blind to reality

between the duchess and her financial adviser.

So what do you want? The truth as you were told it by the Daily Mirror and The Sun, or the carefully crafted image of the Michael Sheas of this world? These are the people who have helped to land the Queen in her present unenviable predicament.

It seems that the British people also know where the truth lies. The pictures of the Duchess of York and the tape of the Prince of Wales's conversation with Mrs Parker Bowles have produced virtually no complaint at all, much to

the chagrin of the Palace.

Mr Shea says the Mirror and The Sun have chased each other from the gutter to the sewer and back. Really? It would be an interesting exercise to go back through the stories in both papers over the years and compare them with the statements and off-therecord briefings by Bucking-

Do you want the truth as told by the Daily Mirror or the carefully crafted image of the Michael Sheas of this world?

ham Palace's press representatives, and indeed by mem-

bers of the royal family.

Undoubtedly there have been stories which have been wrong or excessive - but the main thrust of the Princess of Wales's unhappiness, her health problems and her hopeless unhappy marriage have been true, in spite of the many denials from the smooth-talking PR gloss of the likes of Mr Shea. The same goes for the marriage débade of the



Shea: berates 'sewer' press

Duke and Duchess of York. As Oscar Wilde nearly said: Michael, we are all in the gutter but some of us can see the stars for what they are, not clouded by whingeing excuses. One such is the claim that details of mysterious tape recordings or Access cards are somehow a symptom of a new dixtytricks journalism. They are nothing of the sort; they would be if journalists had done the tape recording or accessed the Access — but they didn't.

That was done by members of the public, activated by curiosity, spite, greed, malevolence and plain mischief-making. It has always been thus. The Profumo scandal was triggered by a ponce and a stolen letter, the Lambton scandal by the husband of a whore out to make money. The provenance of such murky stories is inevitably going to be from the bottom end of journalistic contacts. I have yet to hear of such worldly tales of the flesh emanating from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

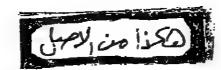
Journalists cannot "unknow" what they are told. They can ignore such sensitive information, pretend it never existed, censor it or suppress it because it is too uncomfortable to reveal the shortcomings of the rich and powerful. That way lie supine, subjected newspapers with editors doing what they are told for an easy life. After all, we're in it together aren't we? Come to the club and have a knighthood on us.

Then whose sewer are we in?

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#### Statistics reveal nothing: to find out what goes on between the sheets turn to Pepys not the pollsters, writes Matthew d'Ancona

o it's official: London is the gay capital city of the Nineties, Britons are mostly monogamous, and professional men have more sex than their working-class counterparts. Such, at least, are the conclusions drawn in the grand £1 million survey of British sexual behaviour published yesterday. The statisticians have once again broken into the bedroom, clipboard and calculator at the ready, to turn our sex lives into pie prachs and bar charts.

graphs and bar charts.

From this sexual census of 18.876 men and women has emerged an intriguing profile of the nation's nocturnal practices, a Domesday Book of the post-permissive society. We now know, for instance, that only 6 per cent of British men have had a homosexual experience but that the figure is twice as high in Greater London.

Ever since the 1948 Kinsey Report shocked suburbia out of its Victorian presumptions, the world has been obsessed by such surveys.

# Charting the hidden secrets of sex

But can raw statistics ever tell us very much about the passion and inner life of the lover?

Take the diary of Samuel Pepys: one moment, he is at an evening service in St Dunstan's, lusting after a "pretty, modest maid" who "would not, but got further and further from me; and, at last, I could perceive her to take pins out of her pocket to prick me". The next, he is punishing himself in hieroglyphic script for his "wickedness", his "vileness". These are the true nuances of sexual behaviour, the strange brew of prurience and prudishness the computer print-out can never explain.

In any case, polls, as the general election result revealed, say as much about the extent of hypocrisy as they do about opinion and

behaviour. Their confidentiality is misleading: people seem to regard their responses to questions like "have you been HIV tested?" or "will you vote Labour?" as a semipublic act and therefore say what they think they ought to rather than what they mean. Whatever psephologists say, polling aids and abets repression.

Sexual surveys also bring out the

Sexual surveys also bring out the worst in those that answer them. Shere Hite's massive toine on male sexuality, published in 1981; five years after the companion volume on female sexuality, reads like an extended group therapy session conducted by over-demonstrative Californians. Fascinating as it is, the Hite report on men will probably make a greater contribution to future histories of exhibition-

ism than it has to current sexual

Sexual history is now a serious business, thanks in part to the work of Michel Foucault whose mammoth, uncompleted work on human sexuality, treated its subject as a language, a discourse worthy of complex analysis. Statistics doubtless have a role to play in this revitalised academic subject. But they tell only part of the story.

resterday's survey reveals, for instance, the extent of public anxiety about Aids: one in seven have already been tested for the HIV virus. Such figures encourage the view that the disease and the world's response to it are unique in human history. Yet, as Elaine Showalter has shown in her mas-

terly book Sexual Anarchy, syphilis played a uncannily similar role in the culture of the late 19th century. As the disease raged across Europe, the Vatican fought identical battles over the use of condoms, while moralists used the disease as an excuse to preach chastity. "If humankies to preach chastity if humankies against prostitution, "the days of syphilis would be numbered". Such is the response of each fin de siècle to its sexual demons,

the cultural baggage to which numerical analysis is blind.

In the interests of bland generalisation, statistics suppress that which is truly interesting in sexual behaviour, the intimate, the eccentric and the anecdotal. Thus historians have found medieval

confessional manuals, like Thomas Chobham's interminable Summa Confessorum, to be a rich seam of information on the sexual practices of the English in the Middle Ages. Bestiality, for example, was evidently common enough among 13th-century sinners to warrant its own section for the confessor's consideration: the usual penance was a vegetarian diet.

Likewise, one learns more about 18th-century sex from Boswell's writing — his boasts that he could make love five times a riight and caught gonorrhea 17 times — than from any number of population histories. And how could one slim down Casanova's 12-volume Histories de ma vie down to a table of figures (other than to mention that he made love to 150 women,

including 24 servants, 31 virgins, 18 aristocrats and two nuns)? And how would statistics deal with the rumour sweeping literary London this week that 200 allegedly lesbian letters between Daphne du Maurier and he multiched?

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The trouble is that sex, which used to be an art, is being steadily reduced to a science. This year's crop of video and newspaper guides to sexual technique have made the good old Joy of Sex seem quite amateurish, even in updated form. From January, ITV will bring instruction to the masses in its Monday night Good Sex Guide. Eviquette and discretion have been replaced by an information glut. Ever more ambitious surveys will follow yesterday's report, each brimming with comparative information on intimate practices in the European Community and the wider world. Prepare to learn everything you never wanted to know about sex.

# Mad, bad and lucrative to know

Ben Macintyre, in New York, on the lasting profits of fleeting fame

ighteen-year-old Amy Fisher's flirtation with fame reached its dramatic peak on Tuesday when a New York judge sentenced her to between five and 15 years in prison.

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The story of the "Long Island Lolita" began not when the photogenic teenager with the long, purple-dyed tresses knocked at the door of the Long Island home of an older man. Joey Buttafuoco, with whom she claimed to be having an affair and put a bullet into his wife's head; it started, for most practical purposes, after Ms Fisher had been arrested. Detective sergeant Danlel Severin of the New

York police was fumbling to articulate for reporters what had happened: the Fisher-Buttafuaco case, he said, was "a near Fatal-Attraction".

The effect of that reference to the 1987 film starring Michael Douglas and Glenn Close which earned some \$300 million, was electric. Entertainment lawyers began circling in droves, Amy Fish-

confessed would-be actor and former salesman of vibrating beds) gave the story just enough spin by describing Joey Buttafuoco as a pimp who had helped to turn his client into a schoolgiri-call girl who wore her bleeper to class to keep in touch with clients.

The exact figures have yet to be worked out, but Arny Fisher is reported to have made some \$200,000 from various film deals; the Buttafuocos have made between \$200,000 and \$300,000. So far, Amy Fisher's 15 minutes of fame have flashed by, earning her some \$13,333 a minute. Even before she was sentenced, a television film of her life was being filmed in Vancouver and there are two more in production. A paperback of the "Teen-Attraction" case is sure to be a Christmas bestseller and when she finally emerges from jail. Amy Fisher will be given pride of place on the lecture and chatshow circuit.

Her case has long been described by the New York media as a morality play and so, in a way, it is. But the important moral issue does not concern Amy, Joey or his still partially-paralysed wife Mary Jo, who were only ever rather sad, tiresome and greedy people, but the extraordinary morality, or lack of it, that governs the manufacture of American fame and entertainment. Something called "near-reality"

programming has become a staple of the American televisual diet, and it comes in two forms. One is the docu-drama, where the blood has scarcely dried before actors and actresses are called in to try the case before the viewing public. The other is what might be termed "criminal candid camera"—where shows broadcast footage, preferably home-made, of car-chases, muggings, drug stings and so on. In this genre crime is not essential, but excitement is. Last week for example, one such programme showed an underwater home-movie of a whale fastening its teeth into the leg

and dragging her down to the depths.

She got away, to the obvious disappoint-

ment of the programme's host.

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What is worrying about such pro-

These real-life videos are usually

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grammes is not the suspension of disbelief they require (which is actually great fun) but the by complete avoidance of any kind of value judgment. A programme called Trus Stories this week tho showed footage of a man trying to hijack a car and being arrested by some eight policemen, an event which apparently took place about six months ago. Not only were all the police interviewed, but so was the "car-jacker" in the cell where he is now serving a substantial sense. "I thought I'd get away with of it." he grinned. He was happy, a ner celebrity without remorse, leaving one with the distinct impression

that if he knew he would be filmed for prime-time television the next time, he would certainly do it again.

A senior vice president at CBS recently offered the following rationale for making fame out of infamy: "Hopefully, from these kind of stories, viewers will gain insight, and I hope — and this will sound naive — that these movies will explain events that could have been prevented had someone stopped them before they went

That doesn't sound naive, it sounds wrong. The only genuine insight viewers can gain from watching "Amy Fisher — The Movie" is into the strange pact that the American entertainment industry encourages between a criminal

#### Conor Cruise O'Brien warns against intervention in an increasingly desperate civil war



# Avoid Bosnia's bloody trap

alcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, is right to resist the mounting pressure towards expanded military intervention in former Yugoslavia. That pressure increased somewhat this week with the ultimatum of the Islamic countries to the United Nations to come to the rescue of the Bosnian Muslims by mid-January, failing which the Islamic countries will take some unspecified action, which is assumed to be the break-

ing of the UN arms embargo.
The Islamic threat is not altogether credible. The most serious pressure towards expanded military intervention is coming from the United States, Bill Clinton, during the election campaign, com-mitted himself to such intervention (stopping short of sending in American ground troops). An influential section of the American media, headed by The New York Times, is now trying to hold the president-elect to this commitment. What American interventionists have in mind was spelt out with unusual clarity in an article published last week. The article is by George Kenney, a consultant to the Carnegie Endowment for Interna-tional Peace, and Michael J.

Entitled "How an Allied Coalition Could Beat Serbia" it was originally contributed to The New York Times and appeared in the International Herald Tribune last Monday. The coalition is to be an ad hoc one, consisting of the US. Britain, France and Italy. The intervention is to be in three stages, culminating in active belligerency in two phases — "first, destroying Serbian forces in Bosnia, and second, using concentrated force against Serbia itself."

The Kenney-Dugan plan fits Mr Clinton's campaign specification, in that it does not require the use of American ground troops. But it does require the use of some ground troops, and these are to be supplied by America's allies. Kenney-Dugan write: "Three allies, Britain, France and Italy, must be included: they provide staging bases and a limited number of air, naval and ground forces which support a US dominated air power operation."

operation."

This division of labour would, quite understandably, meet with widespread popularity in the United States. Whether it would be equally popular with the British, French and Italian publics is another matter. Mr Clinton, when he becomes president, may have the sense not to go along with the

interventionist policies outlined on the campaign trail. But if he does follow through on them America's European allies are liable to be pressurised, along Kenney-Dugan lines, and the Western Alliance will be subject to unprecedented strains.

Americans favouring intervention against Serbia have reached a dangerously high pitch of moral fervour. Serbia is seen as an international aggressor, just like Saddam Hussein or Adolf Hitler. To fail to stop Serbia would therefore invite the most horrendous consequences, not merely for Yugoslavia but for the whole world; so it is stridently argued.

In reality, the struggle in Yugoslavia is a civil war, and the struggle
in Bosnia is a civil war within a civil
war. The civil war in Yugoslavia,
like the American Civil War, had its
origins in the determination of
some states to secede from a
federation, and the determination
of other states to uphold the
federation by force. (I do not mean
to claim by this comparison that
Slobodan Milosevic is a moral
clone of Abraham Lincoln, though
I have no doubt that a few readers
will regard such a claim as implicit

in the comparison).

Civil wars are no less ghastly than international wars, and in some ways they are even more ghastly

because of the intimacy within the hate and cruelty. But, ghastly though it is, a civil war does not call for the same international response as does an act of international

aggression.

An act of international aggression—such as Mussolini's invasion of Abyssinia or Saddam's annexation of Kuwait — requires a concerted international response, because of the precedent it sets for further acts of international aggression. Thus the failure of the League of Nations, led by Britain and France, to respond adequately to Mussolini's invasion of Abyssinia was the first in the chain of events that led to the Second World War.

aggression, if persisted in, requires international military intervention. A civil war does not. It is argued, however, that because the European Community and some other countries recognised Bosnia last April, as an independent sovereign state, what is happening there is not a civil war. This is pushing juridical pedantry to the verge of fantasy. The inhabitants of Bosnia are fighting one another, and some of them are abetted by their ethnic brothers in other parts of former Yugoslavia, Serbs by Serbs and

Croats by Croats. This is deplorable but inevitable. Similar things are happening in different parts of the former Soviet Union and these conflicts are also in many cases, technically "international" conflicts. Nobody that I know of is preaching military intervention against. say Azerbaijan. What is happening in the former Soviet Union is rightly seen not as a number of cases of international aggression, but as cases of civil convulsion, following the breakup of a multinational federation. The fighting in former Yugoslavia should be seen in exactly the same light.

The use of international force in former Yugoslavia should be confined to what is strictly required for the protection of humanitarian aid convoys (as also in Somalia). To attempt to "liberate independent Bosnia" by force would only inflict still greater miseries on all the people there, while taking a heavy toll also of the invading forces, who would have to spend a long time there, under grim conditions and with, in the end, no good result. Under the Kenney-Dugan scenario, those forces would be European, as would the resulting body-bags. As I say, Malcolm Rifkind is right to resist the trend that would take us to that calamitous conclusion.

#### A Tebbit in the tank

WHILE the rest of the world debates the pros and cons of intervening in the war in Yugoslavia, British troops, who are part of the United Nations peace-keeping force, have already been armed with a secret weapon: a photograph of the Chingford skinhead.

Lord Tebbit's fearsome countenance is staring out at the warring factions from a tank with the Royal Engineers in Split. It is reputedly striking fear into the hearts of all who see it.

who see it.

The idea came from a sapper, who cannot be named for security reasons. He had already seen the secret weapon in action, having written to Tebbit asking for a photograph to bolster the morale of the troops when he was with Operation Desert Storm. A few months after the end of the Iraq war. Tebbit heard from the same soldier, who had been posted to Northern Ireland. Pictures were disparted on both occasions.

dispatched on both occasions.

This week Tebbit's secretary opened a third letter from the same sapper. "I hope you recognise the name and number. At present we are on the UN tour for six months," wrote the soldier, who addressed Tebbit as an MP.

The former minister wrote back without delay. "Since we last corresponded I have left the House of Commons and have been elevated to the Upper House. I am sending you an up-market photograph on the day of my elevation to the House of Lords. I hope it will bring you luck and a safe return home". Lord Tebbit, whose verbal bom-bardments of the Labour front benches made him one of the most feared and respected government performers during his time in the Commons, is flattered to think that his fighting reputation has spread so far. "I really have been im-mensely touched at the faith and

the interest which these brave boys

have shown in me," he says. "I wish

them every success."

Rosemary Lamont may have to rattle the charity tin again in the wake of the Royal Bank of Scotland's disastrous 64 per cent slump in profits. The bank, which has a bad debt provision of £400 million, confirmed that it will be looking long and hard at the overdraft facility it has extended to the Conservative party, whose deficit stands at £17.5 million. A spokesman for the bank, whose



Dugan, a retired US Air Force

general and former chief of staff.

chairman is the former Tory cabinet minister Lord Younger, says: "Every bank is looking at every customer with an overdraft of that scale. These are difficult times. Most of us have beefed up our intensive care unit."

Judging by the moans emanating from the staff at Conservative Central Office, many of whom may lose their jobs, intensive care may not be enough. A Lazarus-style operation is called for.

#### Poor show

WHILE there will be no shortage of Tory politicians swanning around Edinburgh for the Eurosumnit next weekend, they will be thin on the ground at the three-day Poverty Summit hosted by Edinburgh University next week.

The Labour party is fielding half

a dozen of its MPs and MEPs, including Donald Dewar, Nigel Griffiths, David Martin, Ken Coates and Glyn Ford. The Liberal Democrats are hoping to field Sir David Steel. Winnie Ewing is expected to represent the SNP but the Tory party cannot come up with a single candidate.

single candidate.

All of which puts the organisers in a delicate position, since they want to avoid any accusations of political bias. Dr Ann Fink, one of the organisers, cannot understand the Tory boycott. They may be frightened because of what we are going to discuss, which is sad, because the issue of poverty is central to the future of Britain and Europe."

Conservative Central Office did not want to comment on why no Tories have accepted, but said the presence of pressure groups might have frightened them off: "People like War on Want might not be very friendly to Tory ministers. It is not that they are not concerned, but you can understand why they might not want to come".

In desperation Fink telephoned Sir Edward Heath's office and asked his secretary to think of another Conservative with pro-European and socially committed views. "The secretary considered the problem and suggested Lord



#### Guard duty

Having disappeared from the Duke of Windor's Paris home, the Waterloo Figure, left, has unexpectedly turned up. The valuable 2ft silver-plated statue of a Grenadier guard was modelled by Sir Joseph Edgar Böhm. In the plinth is set a silver medal struck in 1815 to commemorate the battle. The figure was recently sold to Mohamed Fayed, who bought the contents of the Windsor home after the duchess's death. Unveiled in Harrods for the first time last night, the statue will be returned to Paris this week.

• Michael Howard was amazed to read of his hard-hitting speech when opening a water treatment works at Thames Water earlier this week. According to some newspapers, his attack on water company chairmen awarding themselves excessive pay rises left Thames Water officials "cringing with embarrassment". Howard's officials in London had released the speech; but their boss, for reasons of his own, gave an entirely different one.

#### Long brew

WHEN Geoffrey Palmer celebrated his appointment as Scotland's first black professor this week there was not a champagne bottle in sight. Pints of bitter were the order of the day.

Palmer, who arrived in Britain on a banana boat from Jamaica almost 40 years ago, is to become professor at the International Centre for Brewing and Distilling at Edinburgh's Heriot Watt university. After grammar school and university, his career hit a stumbling block. He was turned down for a job in education by Lord Joseph.

Palmer's faux pas was not being able to tell the difference between a wheat and a barley field. "I told Keith Joseph it was a bit difficult coming from Jamaica and living in north London. I had never seen either "

in his field





#### RIGHTS OF MINORITIES

Group rights must not diminish individual human rights

The United Nations was set up to ensure that dictatorship never again threatened world peace. For nations liberated from Nazi tyranny the protection of individual human rights was an essential element of respect for the rule of law. Gradually, the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights and its 1966 covenants have become accepted legal bases for limiting the sovereign rights of a state to abuse its citizens. ♦ With the end of the Cold War, Soviet and Third World governmental efforts to dilute this principle through the advocacy of "people's rights" have subsided. Never has there been such a high degree of consensus on the primacy of individual rights.

Conflicts still arise, as in Somalia, from struggles against oppressive regimes. But others stem from the grievances, real or imagined, of a minority against a government intent on enforcing only the wishes of the majority. The question is whether minority rights are best protected by the full observance of the rights of the individuals who form the minority, or whether there are certain kinds of collective rights, such as the right to use a minority language, which require special protection.

First proposed by Yugoslavia (an ill omen) it has taken the UN General Assembly some 14 years to adopt a declaration on the rights of minorities. Today a vote will be taken on the UN's first attempt to codify the "rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities". The emphasis on rights of persons is vital, and provided it is not diluted, justifies support for

the enterprise. Almost all nations of the world have minorities. Most democracies have in place some formal recognition of such diversity. and their constitutions include some protection for groups, be they religious, ethnic or cultural. These are distinct from, and additional to, the more basic human rights

vouchsafed to every citizen. Such recognition, for example, lies behind the provision of Welsh-language education in Wales or the frustrated attempt in Northern Ireland to institute power-sharing, guaranteeing political power to a religious minority.

Not all democracies, however, accept the notion of special rights for minorities qua minorities. France and Turkey held up adoption of the UN declaration for years for fear that it would encourage fissiparous tendencies in society. The Turks, who moulded a new country out of a hotch-potch of nationalities after the Ottoman empire, insist that only equal rights for all will prevent ethnic, religious or linguistic separatism. France objects on more philosophical grounds: the French state itself, quick to incorporate into domestic law all inter-national treaties, is deemed sufficient guarantee of democratic rights to all citizens.

French doubts have been stilled. But there must be constant vigilance to prevent minority rights diminishing individual human rights. Such doubts are fuelled by politicians exploiting minority fears for undemocratic ends — as in Yugoslavia. A UN declaration could, in the wrong hands, be a licence for separatism and ethnic ambitions. The intention of those voting today is the opposite: recognition of minority rights should allay grievances, making society inclusive rather than exclusive. By encouraging a looser framework in tightly centralised states, it would lessen rather than

exacerbate the forces of separatism. The founding fathers of the UN were much influenced by the failure of the League of Nations, which agonised for years, in the end fruitlessly, over national minority issues left by the first world war. In 1945 the UN shied away from this sensitive issue; now it has tried to incorporate in the new declaration the best thinking of the old league. The message of history is: handle with care.

#### **SECURITY IN ACADEME**

The dissident must be separated from the mediocre

In the present economic climate, it is difficult—views. Not only did it protect individuals to make a case for keeping academic security of tenure. For those coping with unemployment or the threat of it, the idea that any profession still offered jobs for life might . seem an untenable privilege.

During the 1980s many sections of the workforce which had unquestioned job security were reformed. In that spirit, the .988 Education Reform Act abolished tenure for all new university appointments, hoping to achieve stricter discipline and greater productivity. Since then, lecturers have been employed under contracts which do not offer the security of the old system in which academic posts were held until retirement.

But until the compulsory redundancy of Edgar Page, a philosophy lecturer at Hull University, who was appointed in 1966, it had been thought that the old rules still applied to those hired before the 1988 act. Mr Page, who was made redundant because of his university's financial difficulties, won the first round of his legal battle to be reinstated in the High Court last year, but the overturning of that judgment by the Court of Appeal resulted in the case going to the House of Lords. Yesterday the Law Lords found that the High Court had no power to reverse the university's decision, which means that the changes in the 1988 act are effectively retroactive.

This raises issues beyond the simple question of whether lecturers who thought themselves impregnable may now lose their jobs. The system of tenure was devised to ensure intellectual independence in schol-arly life by guaranteeing the safety of academics who might hold unorthodox

who expressed unfashionable opinions: it prevented a head of department who was a partisan of some particular academic faction (a Marxist economist, perhaps, or a struc-turalist literary theorist) from purging all those who did not agree with him.

This tradition has been sacrosanct because it is necessary for healthy academic pursuit. Students need to be exposed to all shades of opinion, not simply the one favoured by the present professor of a department. Without variety and debate between opposing interpretations, there can be little life or progress in intellectual endeavour.

Yet when poor performance presents no risk, academic standards are bound to be threatened. With security of tenure, the mediocre were sheltered as effectively as the dissident. Any undergraduate can relate anecdotes of poorly prepared lecturers who fail to update their material from one year to the next. Inefficiency, incompetence and plain laziness were difficult to check without the ultimate sanction of the sack. With no economic flexibility in the system, university departments could become hidebound. This is why the government is pressing for performance-related pay in the universities.

Nonetheless, the principle of academic free speech still needs protection. Now that it is possible to remove even those academics hired before 1988, very specific and limited conditions should be laid down on which lecturers may be dismissed. The three University Commissioners have been entrusted with this task by the 1988 act; they must ensure that those who hold minority views are made safe from victimisation.

#### **MORTGAGE RATING**

Different borrowers bring different risks

Banks and building societies were so enthused by the house price boom of the 1980s that they barely bothered to enquire into the personal circumstances of their borrowers. If someone defaulted on a mortgage, the lender could simply reclaim the property used as security which, since house prices always rose, would be bound to be worth more than the loan.

The housing market turns out, however, to be no different from any other. As buyers of savings products are routinely advised, prices can go down as well as up. Banks and building societies are now ruing their rashness. Some of the properties they have repossessed are worth far less than the loans that were taken out against them.

The lenders are now starting to wonder whether they should not discriminate more carefully between likely defaulters and the rest. The Bristol & West building society is thinking of charging young, unmarried and childless people more for their mortgages on the basis that they are statistically more likely to default. As an incentive to those judged as "safer risks", the Cheltenham & Gloucester is charging lower rates to borrowers whose mortgages are less than 60 per cent of the

value of their homes. Some people will claim this is unfair. The societies may, indeed, have been testing the waters to see how sharp are the screams of pain. They should be bold. What they propose is no less discriminatory than the policy of motor insurers who charge twice as much to a 23-year-old driving a hot hatchback as to a 55-year-old grandmother.

Any particular 23-year-old may protest that he has never had an accident. But his statistically more dangerous age group must count against him. It may sound like rough justice. But it would be even less fair if the 55-year-old weekend potterer in a family saloon who has never had an accident were expected to subsidise the young, inexperienced, and possibly feckless, driver by paying the same premium.

The mortgage market is just the same. If the young and single are more likely to default, then older, married couples have been subsidising that risk by paying exactly the same rate on their mortgages. A differential

rate would reward their reliability. The effect may be to deter the young from buying rather than renting. That can only be good for them and, in the long run, for the housing market. The 1980s saw panic buying, in which anyone who could possibly afford it raced into the property market in the fear that otherwise prices would gallop away out of reach. As a result, people were often saddled with houses, mortgages and all the responsibility that went with them at

too early an age. Far healthier would be a housing market like those on the continent, in which young. people can safely rent, moving around the country until they want to get married, settle down and stay in one place. Differential mortgage rates may eventually restore some sanity to a housing market that regularly goes quite mad. For many rueful lenders, however, it will still be a case of shutting the front door after the borrower has bolted.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Best interests of Hong Kong

From Mr Martin C. M. Lee, OC

Sir, Sir Percy Cradock's defence of the policy of appeasement of the "old China hands" towards Peking over Hong Kong (letter, December 1) reveals an extraordinary presumptuousness and naïvety. From his letter, one can see clearly why British policy towards Hong Kong has been such a miserable failure since the

Joint Declaration was signed in 1984. Sir Percy defends his policy of denying democracy to Hong Kong on the grounds that to do so is in fact in the best interests of the colony. He seems to have overlooked the fact that, when finally given the chance to elect democratically 18 of their Legislative Council members last year, the people of Hong Kong voted overwhelmingly for candidates who ran on a platform going forward with democracy

despite Peking's opposition.

Surely, we in Hong Kong know better than anyone else what is best for us, and it is presumptuous of Sir Percy to substitute his own judgment for that of the voters of Hong Kong.

"The logic or fairness of the Chinese response", states Sir Percy, "is neither here nor there; what matters is whether they will carry out their threats." In other words no matter the degree to which China breaks the promises of the Joint Declaration or tramples on Hong Kong's legitimate democratic aspirations, Britain should passively accept China's actions for fear that the communists could do worse.

This policy of craven appeasement -so similar to that adopted by Neville Chamberlain at Munich half a century ago — only invites Peking to become even more aggressive in disregard of its promises and treaty commitments. Peking's complete disregard of the provisions of the recently signed memorandum of understanding on the airport is a sad case in

While a policy of appeasement might be able to preserve a facade of Sino-British "co-operation", behind the facade lies the sell-out of Hong Kong's true interests.

Though Britain and China may have presented the Joint Declaration's promises to Hong Kong of a fully elected legislature and complete economic autonomy as an unbreakable international agreement, Sir Percy later proved all too willing to abandon these promises at the first hint of recalcitrance from Peking. If this was Britain's true intention, Sir Percy should have told us so in 1984.

Rather than kowtow to Peking, the British government will only earn China's respect if it stands up for principle and defends the Joint Declaration. Only when Peking realises that Britain will not be humbled by its threats will Peking begin to negotiate seriously and co-

operate on Hong Kong issues.
It is his realisation of this truth that has enabled our new Governor, Mr Chris Patten - though his actual proposals fall far short of our democratic aspirations — to earn the support of 17 of the 18 democratically elected representatives of the people of Hong Kong.

Sincerely, MARTIN LEE (Chairman, United Democrats of Hong Kong), 704a Admiralty Centre, Tower 1, 18 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong.

From Mr Ian Gracie

Sir, it is hard to understand what the Governor of Hong Kong hopes to gain by raising issues on the political front that are unacceptable to the Chinese government. The people of Hong Kong have little to gain and much to lose by his action. Their main hope after 1997 is full employment and stable prosperity. What will be the use of a vote on an empty stomach? Mr Patten should understand that China will not be prepared to lose face

by accepting his ideas, even if she may lose some measure of commercial prosperity as a result. Consideration should also be given to our own trade with China. In the present world recession our own government should surely be con-

cerned to enhance relations with China, to build up trade and improve employment prospects for the United The prospects for democracy in Hong Kong lie with the prospects for democracy in China and not with anything that Mr Patten may say or do. He will come home in 1997. The

people of Hong Kong will have to make the best of it in China. Yours faithfully. IAN GRACIE. Little Pett Farm.

Bridge, Canterbury, Kent. From Mr Trevor Mound

Sir, Mrs Thatcher congratulated Sir Percy Cradock on his "negotiating style" in talks with the Chinese on the future of Hong Kong. She was hardly one to appland pusillanimity.

Yours faithfully, TREVOR MOUND. 8 Beaufort East, Bath, Avon. December 2

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Letters should earry a daytime telephone number. They may be fixed to 071-782 5046.

#### Raising funds for Windsor Castle

From Mrs C. J. T. Dyas-Catton

Sir, Now the government has had time for thought, could it not make a "U-turn" over the open cheque to restore Windsor Castle? A more honourable, not to mention economical, solution in this time of recession would be to open a public restoration

Those who want to help could donate as much as they wished. Those who do not could continue to support funds for schools, medical equipment, homeless people, hospices, etc.

Yours faithfully. CARO J. T. DYAS-CATTON, 261 Alcester Road. Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire. December 1.

From the Canon Steward of the College of St George

Sir. The disastrous fire in the state apartments at Windsor Castle has raised the question of ownership of the castle and payment for the restoration.

It is not generally realised that a large portion of Windsor Castle, up to one quarter, is the freehold property of the Dean and Canons of Windsor. The area concerned contains the glorious St George's Chapel, the Horseshoe Cloister, Dean's Cloister, Canons' Cloister and a large range of buildings on the north wall of the

Edward III, who in 1348 founded the Order of the Garter and the College of St George, made an astute move when he gave this area of the castle to the Dean and Canons (of whom there are at present four). Since that date they have been totally responsible for its maintenance and

The Dean and Canons receive no

money from the state, the Queen or the Church Commissioners. They are

to finance their enormous responsibilities, mainly by making an entrance charge to tourists who want to view the chapel and by raising money from a worldwide group of Friends. As with many of our fine cathedrals, the Dean and Canons are troubled

with a constant financial headache:

entirely responsible for raising funds

our limited sources of income do not meet our ever-increasing costs. But they are certainly not a burden on the defenceless taxpayer. Yours faithfully. DEREK STANESBY, Canon Steward, The College of St George,

4 The Cloisters, Windsor Castle, Berkshire. November 24.

From the Earl of Dudley Sir, If some thoughts on the rebuild-ing of Windsor Castle, emanating from an authoritative source (letter from the Editor of The Architects Journal, November 27), were to receive serious consideration, or even ministerial or royal approval (which hopefully should be open to doubt), that historic, much admired and beloved building could be more appropriately restyled Windsor Glass-

Much as I admire the innovative designs of Mr I. M. Pei, I am one of the philistines who regard his otherwise magnificent glass pyramid as entirely unsuitable as a frontispiece for the Louvre.

Yours sincerely, DUDLEY, 6 Cottesmore Gardens, W8. November 27.

#### The Queen and taxes

From Mr Philip Virgo

Sir, Her Majesty is Lord of Man, Duke of Normandy, Queen of Australia, the Bahamas, Canada, the Cayman Islands and all the other non-republican parts of the Common-wealth. Her advisers would be remise in their responsibilities to future generations if they did not advise her to diversify her tax liabilities throughout her realms, at least until such time as England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland revert to decentral-

ised, low-tax practice. They might also advise her to lifestyle of her Norman ancestors, thus avoiding tax residency in any one of her realms and saving her tax-payers the cost of maintaining governors general.

Yours sincerely, PHILIP VIRGO, 2 Eastbourne Avenue, East Acton, W3. November 29.

From Mr Keith Taylor

Sir, The Queen is to be commended for her sensitivity in a time of deep recession in acceding to what seems to be the general wish that she should pay tax and thereby contribute fairly to the income of the state. However, this demand seems to be based more on the perception that the Queen has it to give rather than, as your leader (November 27) suggests, on the act-uality of what may be deemed to be

I would hope that this sets a precedent for certain other institutions that do not contribute to the state income nor indeed to the general good of the country by their efforts. I have in mind the Church of England and other religious institutions, as a result of their charitable status. On what basis can these now be exempt from tax on investment income, particularly in the light of current events?

Yours faithfully, K. TAYLOR, 19 Waterpark Road, Salford, Greater Manchester.

#### No longer on oath?

From District Judge Jerome Karet

Sir, Would it not be pertinent, in our multi-faith society, to replace the ritual of oath-taking with a brief warning from the judge that evidence to be given must be true or penalties may

In the case of affidavits or other sworn statements the present timewasting and unnecessary practice of having to swear the document before a solicitor (or court official) not involved with the preparation of the document could be replaced by a similar warning by the lawyer preparing the document and an endorsement of the document that the warning, perhaps

in some statutory form, has been given. This should be accompanied by a tightening up of the law of perjury. Such a system would, in my view, be far simpler (and in the case of affidavits cheaper) than the new

guidelines to judges on how to handle such oath-taking (report, November 12) and would obviate the need to have so many different religious forms

Not many people today believe that they will be divinely punished for lying, which was the original deterrent purpose of oath-taking.

I am, yours faithfully, J. KARET. 34 Fitzalan Road, N3. November 30.

#### Restrictions on art

From Lord Inglewood. MEP for Cumbria and Lancashire North (European People's Party (Conservative)

Sir, Although the proposed widespread restrictions on the legal movement of works of art across Europe. now watered down (report, November 11), would not have worked, the advent of the single market and improved transport techniques nevertheless mean that the law as regards the recovery of stolen works of art is increasingly turning into a shield for the criminal, since title can relatively easily pass away from the victim of the

Now that works of art are increasingly the tool of criminals and money launderers and that the art market, like all second-hand markets, contains

its share of those who do not ask questions, the rules relating to the passing of title are inadequate. In an age of computer data bases and photography accurate identification is quite straightforward.

Whenever an accurate identification can be made a stolen item should be returned to its original lawful owner. Any loss should be brought home, by means of recourse to law if necessary, to the person who sells on a stolen item.

It would make a lot of people a great deal more scrupulous if they paid the financial penalty for selling stolen goods. Without "fences" there would be much less theft.

INGLEWOOD, Hutton-in-the-Forest, Penrith, Cumbria. November 30.

#### Threat to YMCA

From Mr Tony Griffiths

Sir, May I draw attention to the extraordinary and disturbing circumstances surrounding the imminent forced closure of the London Central YMCA in Tottenham Court Road. London.

This situation has arisen because Central YMCA cannot now pay the interest on a bank loan taken out in March 1990. The entire building, comprising

hotel, club and sports centre, is therefore in the process of being sold and, although the Charity Commiss-ion must still approve the terms of the sale, contracts have been exchanged. If the sale goes through, the building must close on March 31, 1993.

The loss of this valuable social asset - the largest sports, leisure and social centre in London - will cause great deprivation to the centre's wide membership, as well as to its many visitors from overseas, and to the families of members who also enjoy its remarkable amenities.

London Central has occupied the same site in Tottenham Court Road for almost a century, and in the YMCA's 150th anniversary year it would be a tragedy if nothing can be done to stop this sale and save the club for the benefit of both London and the country.

Yours faithfully. TONY GRIFFITHS (Chairman, London Central YMCA Rescue Group), 112 Great Russell Street, WC1.

#### Adventures round Cape Horn

From Mr Malcolm McEwen

Sir. I was interested to read your Cape Horn leader and round-the-world British Steel Challenge race report (November 30), as I sat in my living room in front of a log fire, looking out across the Solent at breaking seas and

a force 10 storm. You do not mention that Steve Yates, medic on board the leading yacht, was rounding the Horn on Sunday for a record second time this year. His first rounding, in February, was on board our 80-ft maxi yacht on the first adventure circumnavigation of its kind — an unsponsored voyage around the great capes with 20 amateur crew. We rounded the Horn the "right way", in flat seas and

brilliant sunshine. Nine months later, our fellow crewmember will once again have enjoyed the sight of the "most awful place on earth" in shirt-sleeves - surely a sign of global climatic change. Fair winds to the Challenge fleeti

Yours faithfully, MALCOLM McEWEN (Skipper of Creightons Naturally), 105 Osborne Road, Warsash, Southampton, Hampshire. December 1.

From Mr Wallace Clark

Sir, Your leading article says that Cape Horn is "without hyperbole of superlatives the most awful place on

earth". This is hardly fair. A recent biography of Brigadier Miles Smeeton, entitled High En-deavours, describes how Prince Philip sailed round the Horn in one of Britannia's boats when "a gentle breeze was blowing and the sea

unusually settled". On March 29 last I approached at noon from the west in conditions so warm and calm that the three of us on board a 30-ft yacht jumped in by turns. You could say that we swam round the Horn.

While I share your respect for the courage of those who race in these waters, let us remember that Cape Horn on the right day can be a very pleasant place.

Yours truly, .WALLACE CLARK, Gortead Cottage, Upperlands, Co. Londonderry. November 30.

From Dr G. C. L. Bertram

Sir, Now an octogenarian, I read with modern sailing around Cape Horn. Fifty-eight years ago it was so very

different. We of John Rymill's British Graham Land expedition 1934-7, the only inter-war British Antarctic venture, sailed those same seas in Penola, our small three-masted topsail schooner. But we sailed more southerly from the Falkland Islands to begin our explorations which changed the then-called Antarctic archipelago into

the actual Antarctic peninsula. Our captain, Bob Ryder, later VC for the St Nazaire raid, sailed us to a position such that our actual rounding of Cape Horn was by dog sledge

on the sea-ice. Yours faithfully, COLIN BERTRAM, St John's College, Cambridge. November 30.

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#### UK arms sales

From Mr João Boavida and Mr Shafiur Rahman

Sir, The Matrix Churchill affair has shown how badly informed some of our top politicians are. In the spirit of creating awareness, we wish to inform our government that Britain is a major arms supplier to Indonesia. Moreover, our politicians should note that Indonesia's record on human rights and illegal invasion and occupation can easily match Saddam Hussein's. In East Timor alone over 200,000 people have lost their lives, representing a third of the population.

Yours faithfully. JOÃO BOAVIDA, SHAFIUR RAHMAN. Friends of East Timor. 12 Linton Road, Oxford.

#### Clerical dress

From Mr D. A. Hunter Johnston

Sir, The Reverend Dr G. A. Hodge (letter, November 27) writes: "The correct clerical hat for liturgical wear (inside a church) is a 'biretta'.'

In A Short Handbook of Public Worship, written at the request of the Worship and Order Group and published in 1931 with their full approval, Dr Percy Dearmer wrote: A priest of the Church of England has no more right to wear a biretta than a coronet or a fex, and in church the eighteenth Canon forbids men to cover the head in service time except with a skull-cap. That is, if they have any infirmity of the head; nothing is suggested for those whose infirmity is within (page 32).

Canon B8, which is now supposed to govern the vesture of ministers during the time of divine service, does not authorise any headgear, not even a skull-cap.

Yours truly, D. A. HUNTER JOHNSTON. Eastfield, North Perrott, Crewkerne, Somerset.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** December 3: The Queen today visited Oxford and was received at Oxford Railway Station by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Oxfordshire (Sir Ashley Ponsonby.

Her Majesty drove to Christ Church Cathedral and, having been received by the Lord Mayor of Oxford (Councillor Mrs Roy Gatehouse), the Bishop of Oxford the Right Reverend Richard Har-ries) and the Very Reverend John Drury (Dean of Christ Church), attended a Service of Thanksgiving for the Four Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the

The Queen later honoured the College with her presence at Luncheon.

Her Majesty this afternoon made a tour of the Oxfam Shop, Oxfam House, Milford House and Kirkley House in Summertown on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Oxfam and was escorted by the Director (Dr David

The Queen unveiled a Commemorative Plaque at Kirkley

Subsequently, Her Majesty visstudently, Her Majesty va-ited the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Clinical Oncology Unit at Churchill Hospital and was re-ceived by the Chairman of Oxfordshire Health Authority (Dr Peter Iredale), the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy (President of the Fund) and Sir Walter Bodmer (Director-General).

The Queen, escorted by Professor Adrian Harris (Head of Unit). toured the Unit and unveiled a
Commemorative Plaque,
Mrs John Dugdale, Major Sir
Shane Blewitt, Mr Robin Janvrin
and Major James Patrick were in

The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee, this morning attended a Trustees' Meeting and Lunch at the Nat-ional Maritime Museum, His Royal Highness, Baron Greenwich of Greenwich, this

afternoon planted a tree in Greenwich Park. London SE 10. Mr Brian McGrath was in unenciance By Command of The Queen, the Viscount St Davids, Lord in Wait-

ing, was present at Royal Air Force Northolt this evening upon the Departure of The President of the Italian Republic and bade farewell to His Excellency on behalf of Her **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** 

December 3: The Princess Royal this morning re-opened the Wellcome Trust Building, 183 Euston Road, London NW1. Mrs Malcolm Innes was in

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the British School of Osteopathy. afternoon attended the Annual Degree Awards Ceremony at St Martin-in-the-Fields and was received by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Dr Cyril Nemeth).

The Princess Royal, Patron, the British School of Osteopathy, this evening attended the School's fifth Anniversary Graduation Reception at St James's

Mrs Charles Ritchle was in **CLARENCE HOUSE** 

December 3: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, a Master of the Middle Temple, was pleased to

dine with her fellow Benchers at the Middle Temple this evening.
The Lady Grinthorpe and Sir
Alastair Aird were in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE

December 3: The Prince of Wales

this afternoon left from Royal Air Force Northolt for a visit to France His Royal Highness this evening attended a Dinner for participants in the Anglo-French Colloquium at Versailles.

Mr Peter Westmacott is in attendance. The Princess of Wales, Patron.

English National Ballet and the Foundation for Conductive Edu-cation, this evening attended the Nutcracker Ball at the Durbar Court, Foreign and Common-wealth Office, London SW1. Viscountess Campden and Mr

Patrick Jephson were in KENSINGTON PALACE

December 3: The Princess Mar-December 3: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, this afternoon opened T F Agnew House, the West Merseyside Child Protection Team's building in Wavertree, Liverpool.

Her Royal Highness was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Merseyside (Mr Henry Cotton). The Princess Margaret, County

ess of Snowdon was present this evening at a gala performance of "Les Miserables" held at the Palace Theatre, Manchester, in aid of Body Positive North West. Her Royal Highment was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John

Mrs Jane Stevens was in KENSINGTON PALACE

December 3: The Duchess of Gloucester today opened the tenth Army Conference of the Federadon of Army Wives (UKLF) at the Churchill Hall, Royal Müliary Academy Sandhurst, and was received on arrival by Mrs Naomi Robinson (Deputy Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire). Mrs Howard Page was in YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE
December 3: The Duchess of
Kent, Patron of Cancer Relief
Macmillan Fund, this evening
attended the Anglo-Israel Dinner
in aid of the training of overseas
nurses in politative cancer care, at
Guidhail, London ECI.
Mrs Julian Tomkins was in
attendance. igotdance

ST JAMES'S PALACE

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK December 3: Princess Alexandra, Colonel-in-Chief, this evening attended the Annual Dinner of the Officers of the 17th/21st Lancers at the Cavalry and Guards Club, Piccadilly, London W1.

The Lady Mary Mumford was

#### Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Kent, Chancellor of Surrey University, will preside over ceremonies for the conferment of degrees in Guildford Cathedral at 2.50; and will attend a dinner for

DEATHS



Donkey serenade: Romulus, representing the Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad, meets Basil, senior drum horse of The Blues and Royals. Holding the reins is Lance Sergeant Paul Tidy, Royal Army Veterinary, Corps. Romulus, who lives at Newham's City Farm in East London, is helping the society's 70th anniversary fund-raising activities and started by visiting the Household Cavalry at Hyde Park Barracks, London

#### Lord Cheshire, VC

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Group Captain Lord Chest-ire, of Woodhall, VC, OM, DSO, DFC, was held in the Chapel of Stowe School on Monday, November 30, 1992, in the presence of Baroness Ryder of Warsaw who read the prayer Usque ad Mortem which she composed jointly with ber husband in 1958. The Service ner misoanid in 1958. The Service of Readings. Anthems. Hymns and Prayers was led by the Chaplain, the Rev T.M. Hastie-Smith, assisted by the Right Rev L. McCartle, Bishop of Northampton, the Right Rev M. Wood, former Bishop of Norwich, the Rev J.E.C. Nicholi and Father Michael Griffiths. The Headmaster and Mrs. Nichols led the congregation. Mrs Nichols led the congregation of Stowe Staff and Pupils, Governors, Old Stoics, Former Members of Staff (including three former Headmasters) and other Friends and Admirers of Lord

#### Lady Ewart Biggs

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Lady Ewart Biggs will be held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, on Wednesday, January 20, at noon. Those wishing to attend are invited to apply for tickets, enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope, to The Rector's Secretary, Room 20, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, London, SWIP 3PA. Tickets will be posted on Monday, January 11. All are welcome to attend.

#### Naylor Prize The London Mathematical Soci-

ety's 1993 Naylor Prize and Lectureship in Applied Mathematici is awarded to Professor M.V.
Berry, FRS, Royal Society Research Professor at Bristol University, for his work on the theory of waves, and its applications to fields such as optics and quantum mechanics, and for his recent discoveries in exponential

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#### **Dinners**

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Jr, also spoke.

Anniversaries

Speaker The Speaker held a dinner last night in Speaker's House in honmgnt in Speaker's Flouse in non-our of a Parliamentary Delegation from the Philippines led by Senate President Neptali A. Gonzales and Speaker José de Venecia. The Chargé d'Affaires ad interim was also present. The other guests

WITE
Mr John Riften, MP, and Mrs Riften,
Dr Michael Clark, MP, and Mrs Clark,
Lord and Lady Dormand of
Easington, Dame James Fooles, MP,
Mr Mile Hall, MP, and Mrs Hall, Mr
John Willdnson, MP, and Mrs
Wilkinson, the Bev Jeverny Caddick,
Miss Amanda Ray, Mr and Mrs Tim
Stevens, Mr and Mrs John Sweeman,
Mr and Mrs Thorold Mascheld and
Sir Peter and Lady Klockt.
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The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the installation dinner of the Company of Makers of Playing Cards held last night at Drapers' Hall. The Master, Mr D.C. Warner,

Mr Jack Coares, CBE, DPC, Vice President, presided at the annual dinner of the Salmon & Trout Association held at Fishmongers' Hall on Wednesday, December 2, Lord and Lady Moran. Lord Comoys
(Prime Warden of the Fishmangers'
Compary), the Hon Sophie Shomor,
and Mr Andrew Dewar Durie
(Managing Director of Allied
Distillents)

ant of Warwickshire, presided at a dinner held tast night at Shire Hall Warwick. University of North Landon A dinner was given last night by Mr Leslie Wagner, Vice-Chan-

#### cellar of the University of North London, at the Reform Club. Guests were:

Service dinners

17th/21st Laurers
Princess Alexandra, Colonel-inChief, attended the last annual
dinner of the Officers of the
17th/21st Laurers, which was held

last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club, Colonel R.S. Longsdon, Colonel of the Regi-

The Honourable Artillery Com-pany Mess Club entertained mem-bers of the Ancient and Honorable

best of the Ancient and Prototrate Artillery Company of Boston, Massachusens, and other guests at dinner last night at Armoury House, Major B.C. Bicknell, presi-

deat, was in the chair. Sir Antony Acland, Provost of Eton, and Major-General James A. Lynch.

BIRTHS: Thomas Carlyle, essay-

ist and historian, Ecclefechan, Dumfriesshire, 1795; Samuel But-

ler, author of The Way of All Flesh, Langar Rectory, Nottinghamshire, 1835: Edith Cavell, purse.

Swardeston, Norfolk, 1865; Fran-

cisco Franco, dictator of Spair

1939-75, El Ferrol, Galicia, 1892.

DEATHS: Armand Jean, Duc de

Richelieu, cardinal and statesman,

Richelleu, curdinal and statesman, Paris, 1642; Thomas Hobbes, philosopher, Hardwick Hall, Derbyshire, 1679; John Gay, poet, London, 1732; Luigi Galvani, physician and physicist, Bologna, 1798; Benjamin Britten, Baron Britten, composer, Aldeburgh, 1076.

Grüsst were:
Mr Miles Athison, Ms Moiza Black.
Mr Patrick Coldstream, Mr Richard.
Coldstell, Mr Roger Dawe, Ms Jean
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Roger Hurn, Mr Stanley Kalms, Mr
Riffmail Bettinose and Mr Malcolni

presided. The Lord Mayor, Mr J.P.B. Brooke-Little, Norroy and Ulster King of Arms, and Mr C.J.F. Lamam, Senior Warden, also spoke. Among those present

Viscount and Viscountess Slim, the Masters of the Drapers', Painter-Stallners' Philisterers', Pelintakens' and Solicitors' Companies and the Master Cutler in Hallamshire.

Warwickshire Lieutenancy Viscount Daventry, Lord Lieuten-

#### School news Wycombe Abbey School

Open Sixth Form Scholarshin (tenable from September 1993) have been awarded as follows: Major Scholarships: Amy Braming North London Collegiate School Anionia Hamilton, Wycombe Abbe School: Rebecta Whitehond, Saunion High School.

High School
Minor Scholambins: Lisa Cohen,
Tarrya Malcolm and Susan Shapiro,
Wycombe Abbey School.
Exhibitions: Sophie Knight and Vera
Sistenich. Wycombe Abbey School. internal Sixth Form Scholarship (senable from September 1992) have been awarded in: Nicola Dudley, Fisher Scholarship, Georgian Behrens and Emma Nicorson, Plux Dunder

#### HM Government

The Hon Douglas Hurd, Sec-recary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs Hurd held a farewell huncheon yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the Spanish Ambassador and Señora de la Morena. Canada-UK Chamber of

of the Canada-UK, Chamber on Commerce held yesterday at the Four Seasons Inn on the Park hotel. Mr Iain Hope, president, was in the chair. The Agents General for Atherta and British Columbia were amone those Lecture

Royal Fine Art Commission The Hon Peter Brooke, CH., Secretary of State for National Heritage, delivered the annual Royal Pine Art Commission lec-

#### Luncheons

gar Square.

Mr Christopher Jonas, President of the Royal Institution of Char-tered Surveyors, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Canada-UK Chamber of

mre yesterday at 7 St James's Square. Lord St John of Fawsley. chairman, presided.

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr D.G.S. Batterley and Miss R.C. Stans

STANDARD WALKE

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs D.S. Batterley, of Flixton, Lancashire, and Ruth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs LAJ. Stanton, of Reading, Berkshire. Mr S.R. Dawes and Miss S.M. Vahl

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr Derek Dawes and the lane Mrs Pamela Dawes, of Backwell, Avon. and Shari, eldest daughter of Dr Peter and Mrs Dale Vahl, of Richmond,

Surrey. Mr W.R.S. Payne and Miss A.M. Shiels

The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W.S. Payne, of Billingshurst, West Sussex, and Adrienne, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Shiels, of Artane, Dublin, Irriand Mr R.N. Remen and Miss J.C.R. McLaren

The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Mr between kobert, eidest son of Mr and Mrs Robert D. Ramssy, of Kinblethmont Mains, Angus, and Jessica, younger daughter of Sir Robm and Lady McLaren, of the British Embassy, Peking. Mr C.G.M. Reduzayne and Miss A.J. Grayburn

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr Richard Redmayne and Mrs Anthony Gray, both of London, and Annabel younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Grayburn, of Parley

Green, Surrey. The Hou Hugo Remnant and Miss A.R. Reynolds The engagement is announced between Hugo Charles, youngest

between Hugo Charles, youngest son of Lord and Lady Remnant, of Wargrase, Berkshire, and Annabelle Rachel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T.R. Reynolds, of Tollard Royal, Dorset.

Mr N. won Schirnding and Miss J. Padaey
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Kurt won Schirnding, of Johannesburg, and Jessica, daughter of Mr Jeremy Pudney, of London, and Mrs Alan Marshall, of Huddersfield, Yorkshire.

#### and Miss D.J. Mullett

The engagement is announced between Rupert, younger son of Mr and Mrs A.J. Mucklow, of Pedmore, West Midlands, and Diana, youngest daughter of the late Mr A.R.H. Mullett and of Mrs F.J. Mullett, of Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

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Mr J.C.B. Powell and Miss S.R. Morgan

The engagement is announced between Jonathan Charles Boyd elder son of Commander and Mis Jeremy Powell, of Greenlands, Cann, Dorset, and Sarah Rhiannon, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Morgan, of Cymle, Craig Penlline, South Glamorgan.

Mr.J.A.B. Talfourd-Cook

mr J.A.R. I anount-cook and Miss P.A. Bricknell
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and
Mrs Brian Tallmurd-Cook, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Penelope, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bricknell, of Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

Mr M. Trosper and Miss P. Noakes The engagement is announced between Martin, youngest son of Mr Roy Trumper, of Pulborough, Sussex, and Mrs Elizabeth Sollerer, of Houghton, Sussex, and

Philippa, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Noakes, of Cuckfield, Sussex. Mr C.R. Wilson Mr C.R. Wilson and Miss H.J. Rantzen
The engagement is announced between Christopher, youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs Alexander Wilson, of Blyth. Northumberland, and Hillary, sec-

ond daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Rantzen, of Ashorne. Warwick

#### Marriage Sir Dennis Landan

and Mrs P. Garlick The marriage took place in Chesh-ire on December 2, 1992, between Sir Dennis Landau and Mrs Pamela Gartick.

#### Receptions Lord Mayor of Westmin

The Norwegian Ambassador and Mrs Eliassen and the Lord Mayor of Oslo and Mr Rune Saebones attended a reception given by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster last night at City Hall before the lighting-up ceremony of the Oslo Christmas tree in Trafal-

Sir John Hamma, MP
Sir John Hamma, MP, was host
at a reception last night for Sir
Sigmund Sternberg, President of
the Friends of Cruse, in the
Terrace Marquee at the House of
Commons. The guest speaker was
the Right Hon Virginia Bottomley,
MP.

The Master of the Rolls, the

and the Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division attended a reception given by the Taxing Masters of the Supreme Court last night at Cliffords Inn to mark their first 150 years. Old Mercers' Chib Mr John Bird, President of the Old

Mercers' Club, and Mrs Bird welcomed members and their guests at the annual reception held last night at Tallow Chandlers' Hall.

#### Birthdays today

The Marchioness of Anglesey, 68: Sir Stephen Barrett, diplomat, 61: Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland, former royal equerry, 69: Miss Arm Christopher, sculptor, 45; Mr Ronnie Corbett, comedian, 62: Mr Hywel Davies, jockey, 36: Vice-Admiral Sir David Dobson, 54: Miss Deanna Durbin, acress, 71: Judge Head, 69: Miss Gemma Jones, acress, 50: Mr Clive Leach. Jones, actress, 50; Mrs Germma Jones, actress, 50; Mr Clive Leach, managing director, Yorkshire Television, 58; Mrs Pamela W. Matthews, former principal, West-field College, 78; Mr Richard Meade, three-day eventer, 54; Mr W.N. Menzica-Wilson, former Thairman, Ocean Transport and w.h. Menzies-Wison, former chairman, Ocean Transport and Trading, 66: Miss Yvonne Mir-ton, mezzo-soprano, 49; Professor Lord Morris of Castle Morris, 62; the Barl of Roden, 83; Dr A.L. Rowse, historian, 89; Miss Pamela Stephienson, comedienne, 42.

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#### PERSONAL COL

# You, Lord, will not withhold your lender care from me: may your love and truth (or ever guard me. Peaks 40:11 (REE)

RIRTHS FARQUIMAR-THOMSON On November 15th, to Jame (née Coward) and Robin, a daughter, Laila Gioria, a sister for Hunter. sear for processing hat LEWERS - On December hat lead on time?, to Julie into Landh) and Michael, a son, Andrew James, a brother for Landh and the control of the control o

lan, on 28th November, in Hong Korg, a daughter. Clare Katherine, sister to Richard. MICHIELS - On November 25th at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Joanna and Philippe, a daughter, habelle

PARE - On November 2mm to Celia (née Caroe) and Durimpher 2 taugitter. Frances Fath, a sister for Edmund, Angela. Patrick

STOKE - On December 3rd, in Sydney. Australia, is Sheenagh (née Gemmell) and Nigel, a son, Henry.

DEATHS

RICELL – Roderick John Tracy, of Hamsterley Mill. Rowlands Gill, Co. Durham. student of engineering at University of Sheffield and nal des Sciences Appliquées de Lyon, Killed by avalanche at Val Thorens, vote, on 21st Novem 1992. Funeral at St Barnabas Church, Rowlands Gill.
Saturday 5th December at 10.30 am. No flowers: donations to hiermediate Technology Development Group, Rughy CV21 5HT.

BELL - On December 3rd 1992, peacefully in hospital, Thomas Hedley, husband of Mary and father of Jennifer and Andrew. Private and Andrew. Private cremation followed by a Memorial Service at St Peter's Church, Prestbury. on Monday December 7th at 11.30am, Family flowers only donations if desired to A.K.U. Endowment Fund. Enquiries and donations to Enquiries and donated J.W. Brocklehurst urst & Sons

#### DEATHS 992. peacefully in Service and cremation at Service and cremation at Brancole Crematorium, National on Thursday December 10th at 2.30 pm. Family Bowers only please, CAMPBELL - It is with great

camerell. It is with treat sadness that we have to sursence the death of Med Campbell, befored mother and grandmother, wife of Jimstry Campbell, the song writer. Her funeral will take place at North East Surrey Crematorium in Morden at 4pm on Monday December 7th. No flowers please. A donation to the "National Astituma Campeion" will be appreciated vio Fredit. W. Paine. 26 Crown Lane. Morden. Surrey. SM4 68L, 161: 1081) 842-1214.

MAKATSUGAWA On November 27th of The Portland Hospital, to Kalsuya and Myukid, a son. Takinga, a intellegal of Shokes and All Angels Church, Pirinight.

FOX - Tadeusz Andrze, pracefully at home on December 3rd. Beloved husband of Mary Elizabeth, loving dather of Jathas and Celma and grandfather of Caurad. Require Mars to December 8th at the Church of Holy Trinity and St George, Kendel, Cumbris, at 12.15 pm.

in the last of the at home in Wimbledon, after a long lillow coursesons borne, Maris Anne (née Beattle) aged 58 years, charished wife of John and lillow a manner of Richard, Christopher, Victoria and Jonathan. Fumeral on Monday December 7th at 11am at \$1 Mary's Parish Church, Wimbledon Village, No Bowers, please, but douations if desired to Musicians Benevolent Fund. 16 Ogie Street, W1.

JONES - On December 1st 1992, Stephen Malcohn, of Ether, Surrey, Dear bushand of Brends and loving father of Alson and Liter. He will be missed by many, Cremation Service for family and close friends at Randalls Park. Lastherbead, on Tuesday December 8th at moon, Family flowers only, but donations if wished to the Cardae Surgical Research Fund c/o Nr Venn's Service to be announced.

\*\*Thomas' Hospital, Memorial Service to be announced.\*\*

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KOPLEY - Eddie, aged 69 years, on 1st December peacefully, Loving father of Austen and Sylvia, grandfather of Austen. Rebecca and Barbara. Cremation. Oxford on 4th December at 3.30 pm.

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LRESTER — On 2nd
December 1992. Descending after a long times. Rence, in her 85th year. Much loved wife of Lionel and mother of Leliz Lessof and Carmed by her husband, daughters, son-in-invs. grandchildren, relatives and friends.

MacPHERSON — Joan Linthorne, goddenly at her home. The Old Rectory, Mount favres, Bures, Suffolic, on 1st December, in her 83rd, year. Tresaured wife for pearly 60 years of lan Alastair and much beloved of her son Robert. Saffy, her grandchildren, mod great-grandchildren, funeral at Church of St. John the Baptist, Mount Bures, on Monday Th. December at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for R.S.P.C.A. may be sent to H. & A. W. Paimer. Funeral Directors. Long Mediud, Suffolia.

MOCATTA — On 2nd

Meiford, Suffolk.

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December, peacefully et
Pamela, aged 96, beloved
wife of the late Alam, Funeral
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Friday 4th December.
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General Hospital on December 2nd 1992, Mr. William Thomas Octway of William Strucks. He will be sadly missed by his family and rigads. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday December 9th at the Purish Church of St Peter. Weston Pavell, Northampton. 3.30 pm, followed by cremation. Floral influence has been a Security of the William Benham a Security of the Ward Funeral Directors. 71 St Glica Street, Northampton, hel: (0504) 34368.

IN MEMORIAM -

MALCOLM - In Memory of Hugh Malcolm and those wonderful gallant crows of 18 Squadrun who lost their lives on the ill-bited V.C. raid 50 years ago - the happy memories of their friendship will live with the survivous forever.

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Funeral private.

RAGLENS - Soddenly on December 2nd, Michael aged 65 years, of Box, Smooth, Gloss Beloved husband of seat and numer of Secure and Julian. Funeral Service at Holy Trindy Church, Minchintampton. on Tuesday December 8th at 2.30 pm followed by histoment. Family flowers only, donations in law may be sent for the Salvadion Army C/o Falls Fund. Son Funeral Circular Sent for the Salvadion Army C/o Falls Fund. Son Funeral Circular Sent for the Salvadion Army C/o Falls Fund. Son Funeral Circular Sent for the Salvadion Army C/o Falls Fund. Son Funeral Circular Senting. Lt. Col. Charles Armony, 13/18 Royal Haman's (G.M.O.) sped 51 years. Minch loved 61 years. Minch loved 61 years. Minch loved 61 years and Campilla. Fineral on Tuesday December 8th at 2 pea at The Royal Military Academy, Senditure. Details aveniable from Henriey Funeral Service, 26 Park Royal Service, 26 Park Royal Busbey, or donations if wished to N.S.P.C.C.

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FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS NOLAN -- A short funeral service for Str Sidney Nolan, Q.M. A.C., is to be held at St.

O.M. A.L. is to the feet at st Martin-the-Fields. Trafalser Square. London. at 2.30 pm on Monday Decem-ber 7th 1992, attended by family and close personal friends. Family flowers only. A Memorial Service is to be held in London at a later date to be amnounced. MEMORIAL SERVICES CRESSWELL The Thanksgiving Service for the He of John Cresswell will be held at St. Paul's Cherch. Covent Garden. On Wednesday January 13th at 11 sts.

IN MEMORIAM -

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CHANCERY DIVISION
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#### **OBITUARIES**

John Foreman, Hollywood film producer, died in Los Angeles on November 20 aged 67. He was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho, in 1925.

IT HAS frequently been said since the 1960s that the accountants have taken over in films from the creators. In fact the power brokers have been the agents and the casting directors, those skilled in balancing people rather than balancing books. As a big-time producer, John Foreman was the perfect embodiment of this

His early experience came as an agent for the giant talent agency MCA, and its successor Creative Management Associates. Foreman came into film production mainly as a result of his successful agent/client relationship with Paul Newman. This led on naturally to a relationship with John Huston, who directed most of the films for which Foreman will be best remembered.

He was a man of taste, charm and determination, very clever at reconciling egos apparently much bigger than his own and negotiating cunning deals which gave the people concerned maximum freedom to do what they wanted. The fact that neither of Foreman's most famous films, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid and Prizzl's Honour, originated with him is typical of Hollywood in the period since the eclipse of the great studios, and it does not detract from, even if it limits. the credit due to him for actually getting them made.

Foreman's first venture into production, Butch Cassidy (1968) came about largely through his established position as Paul Newman's agent. He had been working with Newman for some time, first through MCA and, when America's anti-trust laws compelled the company to concentrate on some interests to the exclusion of others, through Creative Management Associates, a company Foreman had founded with two colleagues from the MCA stable. In his capacity as Newman's agent he got involved in a project which seemed likely to founder over casting difficulties: primarily, who should play the other male lead if Newman played one of them. Seeing the possibilities. Foreman left CMA to set up a production company with Newman, and then began persuadJOHN FOREMAN



Personal chemistry: it was Foreman's remarkable persuasive power over the Hollywood moguls that brought Paul Newman and Robert Redford together for the much imitated Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid

ing 20th Century-Fox and the director George Roy Hill that Robert Redford would fill the bill as the Sundance Kid. That was the way it went into production, with Foreman as producer. The rest is Hollywood

Foreman continued to be associated with Newman, first on the motorracing film Winning, then, when the Newman/Foreman company was absorbed into First Artists, an association of stars who wanted to take charge of their own careers, with a series of less successful films. One of them, Sometimes a Great Notion, was directed by, as well as starring, Newman. It was the Newman connection, also, which brought Foreman into collaboration with John Huston. In 1972 Huston was pre-

paring The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean and wanted Newman for the title role. This brought Newman and Foreman in as co-producers and, although the film was not tremendously successful, they all hit it off well enough to go immediately into The Mackintosh Man, a spy thriller, together. Huston directed. Foreman produced and Newman starred.

As an independent producer Foreman had, even with his connections, the usual problems in setting up viable productions. Producers, like stars, are regarded by the moneymen as only as good as their last film. Nevertheless, he managed to get off the ground, in 1975, an unusually ambitious film directed by Huston, The Man Who Would Be King, which attempted to repeat the

Butch/Sundance effect by co-starring the two biggest British male stars, Sean Connery and Michael Caine in contrasted yet complementary roles. The combination worked well, but the film was not so popular at the box-office as it needed to be.

Perhaps this was one reason why, in 1982, Foreman accepted an offer from the newly forged company MGM-UA to become its head of theatrical production. But this never seemed to work well for him: his personal production Brainstorm ran into difficulties when one of its stars, Natalie Wood, died halfway through shooting. Perhaps the most interesting of the productions initiated under his rule, Nicholas Roeg's Eureka!, immediately got enmired in intricate disputes over rights and was hardly

shown at all. Very rapidly Foreman resigned and went back to independent production, bringing his career to a glorious conclusion in 1985 with another Huston film, Prizzi's Honour.

Again, the film was initiated elsewhere, by Huston and the scriptwriter Richard Condon, but to Foreman belongs the credit for seeing its potential when no one else in Hollywood could, and bringing the project to realisation on the screen.

Foreman's films are distinguished by interesting casting and great technical proficiency. He was not a "creative" producer like Selznick, but a fixer and a negotiator. Nowadays this is what the producer's job requires above all. And within those limitations, few have done it better.

#### **ARCHIBALD CHISHOLM**

Archibald Chisholm CBE, former oil compan executive and Editor of the Financial Times, 1937-40. died on November 22 aged 90. He was born on August 17, 1902.

ARCHIE Chisholm spent most of his life in the world of Middle East oil and was as responsible as anyone else for the creation of one of the region's giant producers, the Knwait Oil Company. Most people would probably imagne such a person to be a cross between Cecil Rhodes and Red Adair, but Archie Chisholm was remarkably unlike either of them. Tall, distinguished, scholarly, urbane, he was never happier than when entertaining friends in the Savoy Grill, where the meal would start off with pink champagne to match the table-cloth. He was definitely not one of those Arabists who tried to model themselves on T. E. Lawrence.

Archibald Hugh Tennent Chisholm was the son of Hugh Chisholm, City Editor of The Times and editor of the 1911 edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. He was educated at Westminster and Christ Church, a scholar of both of them. After leaving Oxford he had two years with the Wall Street Journal, working in New York and London. before joining the Anglo-Persian Oil Company (from 1935 Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and from 1954 British Petro-leum) in 1928.

The idea that there might be oil in Kuwait and other Gulf areas had been stimulated by the successful strike at Masjidi-Sulaiman in south-west Persia in May 1908, which led to the formation, a year later, of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company. But although an enter-prising New Zealander, Major Frank Holmes, of the London-based Eastern and General Syndicate, had begun negotiations with the Ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Ahmed al-Sabah, in 1923, nothing really happened until 1932, when Holmes reappeared on the scene, this time with the powerful backing of Gulf Oil Corporation.

Also then on the scene was Chisholm, representing Anglo-Persian. Unknown to them at first was a third party. Traders Ltd, headed by Lord Lloyd, a former High Commissioner in Egypt, and Lord Glenconner, who were secretly negotiating with the Sheikh. But when Anglo-Persian and Gulf joined forces these were edged out. Agreement between the two principals was reached in December 1933, the Kuwait Oil Company was formed in February 1934, and the final agreement was signed by the Ruler, Chisholm.

and Holmes on December 23. The first well was spudded in May 1936 but it was two years before the great Burgan field came on stream. It had been the shrewd Ruler's par-ticular wish to secure American involvement, had the company been a wholly British one recent history might have been different. Chisholm told the story in The First Kuwait Oil Concession Agreement: A Record of the Negotiations 1911-1934 in 1975.

Chisholm resigned from Anglo-Persian in 1936 when his wish for a transfer to London was turned down. He then returned to his first profession, joining the Financial Times as a leader writer and then the Editor, creating the first City gossip column. "Men and Matters". He remained there until 1940, when he joined the Army, spending most of the war, appropriately, in intelligence in the Middle East. He was twice mentioned in dispatches, ending the war with the rank of colonel and a military CBE. Lord Camrose tried to here him back to journalism. but he preferred oil. He was a member of the team that argued BP's case at the International Court of Justice at The Hague after Iran nationalised all foreign oil interests in 1951. He stayed with the company until 1962 and was retained as adviser until 1972.

Chisholm had a host of friends from many countries. He had played soccer for Christ Church and was a keen, if largely social, member of the MCC, often meeting there, among others, Alec Waugh, a friend he had come to know when he, too, was spending the last war in Middle East intelligence, and lending him his MCC bow tie for the occasion. He daimed to have played tennis with Helen Wills Moody and to have waltzed with Marilyn Monroe, and nobody who had experience of his gregarious charm could have any reason to doubt either claim. He married Josephine Goudge, who died in 1983. He leaves a son and daughter.



#### PETER KLEIN

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As Mime in the Ring

Peter Klein, German tenor, has died in Vienna aged 85. He was born near Cologue on January

PETER Klein was one of the foremost character tenors of his day and had a long and successful career at the Vienna State Opera, where he first appeared in 1942 after a period with the Hamburg State Opera. He was familiar to audiences at Covent Garden as the regular Mime in the Ring cycles of the 1950s, conducted by Rudolf Kempe. He was praised for singing that role straight and avoiding

the excesses of speech-song indulged in by other interpreters at the time. The characterisation

Klein's Mime was also adept. While making certain that the audience saw the nasty side of the avaricious Nibelung, he also gained certain sympathy for the dwarf's downtrodden state. Nobody could call Klein's tone in the role exactly pleasing, but his incisive delivery and his imaginative projection of the text made his portrayal one by which many of his successors have been

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Monsieur Taupe in Strauss's Capriccio and in 1951 the at the Salzburg Festival was in 1946, as Valzacchi (Der Rosenkavalier) and as Don Captain in Wozzeck. In 1952 he created the role of the Student in Von Einem's Der Basilio (Figaro); he sang for Prozess. Other Salzburg roles the next 11 years. In 1948 he were the Tanzmeister in Ariwas Pedrillo in a new producadne auf Naxos and Cardinal tion of Mozart's Die Entführung, one of his best parts, with Josef Krips's direc-Abdslu in Pfitzner's Palestrina.

He appeared at Covent Garden with the Vienna State Opera in 1947, making a redoubtable impression as

Thereafter came Mime with the resident company. At the Metropolitan, New York, berepeated his regular roles of Basilio, Jacquino and Valzacchi as well as adding another favourite part. David in Die Meistersinger.

Jacquino and as Don Basilio.

Apart from Pedrillo, Klein is preserved on record as Monostatos in Karajan's first recording of Die Zauberflöte and as Valzacchi in Erich Kleiber's Der Rosenkavalier. A historic performance from Vienna in 1943 preserves his Jacquino in a Fidelio conduct-

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Major Astor, M.P., yesterday addressed the members of the American Women's Club, at the club premises in Grosvenor-street, on "Modern Journalism".

Dealing with the definition of a good newspaper, he said that in 1788, on its third anniversary. The Times told its readers that it would evince its zeal in the service of the public by its endeavour "to entertain and inform". He believed that applied as much to-day as it He believed that applied as much to-day as it did then. To expand it, one would say that a newspaper should give the newest and truest news and present it in the most attractive way. The great newspapers all went a step further. Having given the news, they gave their own views and opinions on it, and the test of this cide was not whether one agreed or not with side was not whether one agreed or not with a newspaper, but whether, as an ordinary lair-minded individual, one was prepared to admit that it held its opinions honestly and presented them with sound argument and good sense. Many people looked askance at the modern methods of attracting the atten-tion of readers by headlines and pictures. These were sometimes abused, and abuse at times led to cheap and vulgar effect, but before they said that the Press of England was becoming "yellow" they should consider

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Major Astor (later Lord Astor of Hever) was a model non-interfering chief proprietor of The Times, but that did not prevent him holding strong views on the role of newspapers in society.

whether the modern newspaper, by simplify-ing the process of reading by making it as easy as possible, was not rendering a great and useful service.

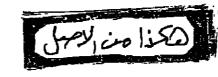
His curiosity when first he entered Printing House square had prompted him to look up some of the old announcements. On the day on which the victory of Trafalgar was announced under the heading "Admiralty Office," there were two columns signed "C. Collingwood," and the reader must have read three-quarters of the matter before he realized that the greatest battle in naval history had been fought and won. Inside, it was the

second and not the first leader which amplified it. Similarly with the news of Waterloo, the reader must have read the greater part of a column before he realized its greater part of a column before he realized its significance. There was also a great Sunday journal which announced Waterloo thus-"Commencement of hostilities in the Netherlands, Sanguinary action," and then as an afterthought: "Defeat of Buonaparte by Wellington." These was no point in obscuring points of interest. Like a good teacher, a newspaper should try to inform without wearying or unduly delaying its readers.

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There was the temptation to keep up the There was the temptation to keep up the high note of excinement at all times of the year, sometimes when there was no news. To try to keep up the "daily splash" at such times was to sacrifice the benefit which a newspaper could confer, that of showing the' relative importance of the pieces of news it had to cover. "Summing" might tickle the palate, but in the long run it killed the appetite and undermined the sense of proportion. The Press could do a great deal to elevate a nation's taste, to sharpen its conscience, and made in the long of the sense of proportion. pation's taste, to sharpen its conscience, and to itelp it to form sound political judgments. heap it so form sound pointed judgments.

This could only be done by a newspaper which steered by the compass of truth and principle and not by the weathercock of public



# THE TIMES TODAY

#### NEWS

#### Post Office to cut 16,200 jobs

■ The Post Office has announced 16,200 redundancies in the next five years, 15,000 of them in the Royal Mail and 1,200 at Post Office counters. In London at least four large sorting offices will close

Another 7,000 job losses are threatened, a possible additional 3,000, according to unions, at Ford and a further 4,000 at British Coal which is seeking further government intervention to adjust the electricity market's coal requirements.. Pages 1, 27

#### No British combat role in Bosnia

■ John Major has ruled out the immediate possibility of a combat role for British troops in Bosnia although the government might consider military action to enforce the "no-fly" zone if necessary ...... ...... Pages 1, 16, 20, 21

#### Tenure case ruling

A law lords' ruling upholding the redundancy decision of Hull University against a philosophy professor could have legal implications for the jobs of 18,000 senior lecturers...... Page , 5

#### City blasts

Two small bombs dislocated Manchester city centre yesterday as 64 people were taken to hospital for treatment and offices and shops were closed...... Page I

#### Loaded loans

Consumer campaigners have expressed initial concern at a building society's suggestion that mortgages should be risk rated so that unmarried and first-time buyers might pay substantially more than older, married

#### Congress brawl

The Russian Congress of People's Deputies broke up in chaos yesterday when a brawl erupted on the podium between conservatives and liberals over voting procedures... ... Page 14

#### Drivers' chance A pilot scheme designed to help

drink-drivers to deal with alcohol abuse may offer thousands of them a chance to have driving bans reduced...

#### Closing ranks

Channel Islanders are refusing to identify those among them who had welcomed the invading Germans during the second world war .... .. Page 7

#### 'Sad little boy'

Nicholas MacMahon, the gifted four-year-old who has started university classes, was described by the principal of his former school as "a very sad little boy" who may never know a happy

#### West blamed

Erich Honecker, former East German leader accused of the manslaughter of 13 countrymen killed trying to escape, blamed the West for creating circumstances which forced him to build the Berlin Wall .... Page 14

#### Under fire

For the first time, British troops operating in the Balkans came under fire from both sides of the conflict yesterday in two separate incidents ..... Page 16

#### Peking talks

In spite of renewed threats to abandon the joint agreement on the future of Hong Kong, Peking has agreed to take part in scheduled talks..... ....... Page 15

#### Changing Britain

The 1991 census confirmed the ageing of the population and among trends the most noticeable was the mass migration from Scotland and the North to the South East......Page 19

#### Closed shops

A woman accused of a string of shoplifting offences has been banned from every store and supermarket in Britain as a condition of her bail ......

#### Estuary that went for a birdsong

■ Three hundred acres of intertidal mud. sand and saltmarsh on the Hayle estuary in Cornwall - where 343 species of bird, including widgeon, curiew and teal, have been seen - have been bought by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds from the businessman Peter de Savary for ..Page 5



Disaster threat: the Greek tanker, Hercules Tower, spills oil from its 80,000-ton cargo threatening holiday beaches and shellfish beds. It caught fire after being forced on to rocks in bad weather at the entrance to La Coruña harbour in northwestern Spain

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Royal return: Direct Line, the insurance subsidiary of the Royal Bank of Scotland, contributed £15 million, three quarters of the bank's ... Page 25

Henson first: The Hanson conglomerate announced its first drop in pre-tax profits for 29 years from E1.32 bn to E1.29 bn ...... Page 25 Markets: The pound had a good

day yesterday with the tradeweighted index rising from 79.5 to 80.5. Against the dollar it rose 2 cents to \$1.5680 and against the mark 4½ pfennigs to DM2.4750. Shares lifted the FT-SE 100 index 6.9 to 2771.0 ..... Pages 25, 28 SPORT-

Golf: Nick Faldo was leading after the first round of the Million Dollar Challenge in Sun City, South Africa yesterday and in Australia, Colin Montgomerie, helped by a freak putt, took a share of the firstround lead in the Johnnie Walker ... Page 46

Tennis: The rage still burns in John McEnroe as he prepares to play for the United States against Switzerland in the Davis Cup final in Fort Worth this weekend. Simon Barnes reports.... ... Page 46

Football: Liverpool's chances of readmission to the European Cup Winners' Cup improved yesterday as Uefa, the European governing body, continued to debate what action to take against Spartak Moscow, who are accused of failing to register a player they signed from a ... Page 48

#### Volvo with a spark: Vaughan Freeman reports that the search for an alternative vehicle that uses safe power may be over ...... Page 43

Pace, grace and reliability: A road test on the new Jaguar finds that it has all the old virtues and much more besides .... ... Page 43 What contract? At present, cars

which cost as much as a small home can be bought and sold with all the legal documentation of a loaf of bread ... ... Page 43

#### The latest: Six pages of reports on

the latest developments in the information ..Pages 36 to 41 technology .....

#### Comish cream: How the painter Peter Lanyon (1918-1964) captured the soul of his native; Cornwall. .. Page 33

Witches, in its new adaptation for . Page 33 the stage. Fighting fascism: How Germany's. playwrights, film-makers and intel-

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lectuals are confronting the resurright-wing gence οf ... Page 34 Take your partners: A new National Theatre production of Carousel, featuring the final

#### choreography of the late Sir Kenneth MacMillan, reaffirms the notion of using dance to tell the Page 35

Francis Bacon, who

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#### Love me, love my presents: What madness drives parents to sleep overnight on the run-up to Christmas in car parks? Libby Purves reports: ..Page 19

Shee taken to tasic Richard Stott. a former editor of the Daily Mirror and The People, responds to Michard Shea's three-part attack in The Times on the tabloid pressPage 19

Chancellor and the press: Valerie Grove visits Norman Lamont at the Treasury and discusses credit cards, bottles of wine and hears a prediction that "the press will become a major political issue of the 1990s, as the unions were in the 1970s. They are both over-mighty subjects" .... ... Page 18





Gary Blissett, the Brentford forward, was found not guilty United defender grievous bodily harm on the field Page 3

#### TVLISTINGS LE

After the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in the Valley of the Kings, "Tut mania" swept the world, influencing the design of clothes, pottery and buildings. The Face of Tutankhamun (BBC2) . Page 47 9pm)

#### SPINON .

Rights of minorities There must be constant vigilance to prevent minority rights diminishing individual human rights. A UN declaration could, in the wrong hands, be a licence for ... ethnic ambitions ..... Page 21

#### Security in academe

The principle of academic free speech still needs protection. The three University Commissioners have been entrusted with this task by the 1988 act; they must ensure that those who hold minority views are made safe from Page 21 victimisation...

#### Mortgage rating

Differential mortgage rates may eventually restore some sanity to a housing market that regularly goes quite mad. ... ... Page 21

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#### BEN MACINTYRE

"Near-reality" programming, in which crime is not essential, but excitement is, has become a staple of the American televisual diet but what effect is it having on ... Page 20

CONNOR CRUISE O'BRIEN American interventionists have reached a dangerously high pitch of moral fervour as the call for action in the former Yugoslavia . Page 20

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Sexual surveys ... bring out the worst in those that answer them. Shere Hite's massive tome on male sexuality, published five years after its female predecessor in 1981, reads like an extended group therapy session... .... Page 20

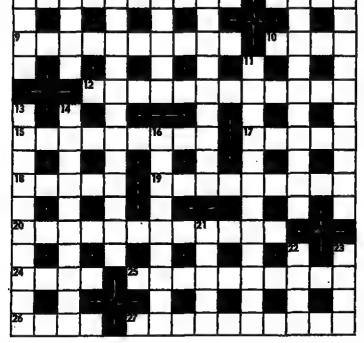
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A Hong Kong QC says British policy towards the colony has been a miserable failure since the Joim Declaration was signed in 1984 Page 21

#### German Chancellor Kohl is correct

in judging that Germany is burdened with refugees and economic stagnation. But those are not his most urgent problems. It should be putting more criminals in fail instead of allowing bands of thugs to stain Germany's world-wide reputation.

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- 12 Basis of safe seat MP's in has he changed? (12). 15 Beggar's confession of being
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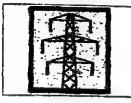
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**POWER SURGE** 



Eastern Electricity, one of the biggest of the 12 privatised power distributors, lifted interim profits by 70

#### **NO PANIC**

The stock market reacted calmly to the announcement of increased losses at Greycoat, the London property developer Page 27

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Tom Peters, the American nianagement guru, charges \$55,000 an hour for lectures but says he would not know how to buy shares

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THE pound surged to its highest level since mid-October and gilt-edged prices jumped 1½ points, after official figures confirmed that Germany was in recession and the configuration. sion and the continuing turbulence in Europe led analysts to describe Britain as a "safe haven" for funds, outside the troubled ERM.

Dealers reported heavy buying of sterling after Germany announced a sharp fall in gross domestic product, and the steelworkers' union unexpectedly accepted a modest

3.3 per cent pay deal.
Germany's GDP fell 0.5 per cent in the third quarter, after a similar decline in the previous three months. The fact that Germany is in full-scale recession was further underlined by a plunge of 2.2 per cent in October's industrial output, a bigger fall than the anticipated 0.5 per cent. The news from Germany

led to a fall in the mark against all major currencies. But sterling's advance did not just reflect the mark's weakness, since the pound also gained against the dollar and yen. Against the mark, the pound jumped 42 prennigs to DM2.4750, its highest said. October 14. Against the dollar, it rose 2 cents to \$1.5680.

While the weak German figures were the trigger for the sharp rise of the pound, deal-ers said the underlying cause was probably the desire by

By Angela Mackay

HANSON, the Anglo American conglomerate, for the first

time produced a fall in annual

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decline to £1.286 billion for

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Lord Hanson, chairman,

said margins had eroded and markets had contracted world-

wide, "aithough there were signs of that levelling out, particularly in the USA". He said the group expected

tighter margins in the UK in

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The company was optimis-

Sterling gained unaccustomed status as a safe haven for funds outside the ERM after the dollar weakened and the mark slumped on figures confirming a German recession

multinational companies and investment institutions to lock in the huge profits they had booked over the past three months in speculating against sterling. Many British-based companies and investors were eager to balance their currency exposures. Until this week, they had hoped to see sterling fall further before buying back the pounds they had sold before Black Wednesday. With the year-end approaching and the round rebound. ing and the pound rebounding, at least in the short term, many investors concluded they could not afford to wait any longer to take their profits. To compound evidence of

recession, the Federal Statis-tics Office published a raft of other gloomy figures on industrial production, investment and unemployment.

Western German unemployment was up 54,000 in November. Despite this deterioration, unemployment remains low by European standards. Business insolvencles in the first nine months-were up 12.9 per cent. Industrial production was down 2.2 per cent in October, and 3.6

German official statistics are unreliable and prone to frequent and substantial revisions. But the consistency of the bad news, combined with interest rates at present levels.

Hanson goes into reverse

Hanson: 2% decline

the sale of the company's 2.8

per cent stake in ICI, a £156

million profit on the disposal

of Ever Ready this year, a late payment for the Courage sale in 1985, and £23 million costs

of closures and redundancies

were accounted for before tax

Operating profits continued to grow, increasing 12 per cent to £1.068 billion, while

earnings per share rose slightly to 22.2p. The quarterly dividend was boosted by 0.1p

for the first time.

indicators, such as falling company profits and rising redundancies in manufacturing industry, can no longer be explained away on the basis of statistics. The only optimistic figure for GDP, which showed a growth of 1 per cent against the third quarter in 1991. Jürgen Möllemann, Ger

many's economics minister, who has been warning of recession for some time, lost no time in interpreting the figures as "a serious signal of a new weakening of business conditions". He said that the more west Germany slides into recession, the less chance east Germany has of recovering from its own slump.

modest wage pact in the steel sector could open the way to cuts in German interest rates early in the new year. Faced with a substantial downtum in Germany's steel industry, IG Metall agreed to a 3.3 per cent wage deal for 1993, after this year's 6.7 per cent rise, which led to a series of aboveinflation wage agreements. The acceptance is further evidence of nationwide wage moderation, and will be welcomed by the Bundesbank, which may soon be running out of excuses for keeping

divisional basis, chemicals suf-

fered both in sales and profits,

affected by an 8 per cent drop

in world prices for titanium

dioxide. Coal mining also saw lower profits, at £157 million

against £170 million based on sales of £1.011 billion, and

despite higher sales and record production. Gold Fields Mining's profits eased from £38 million to £29

Brighter results came from

industrial products such as Smith Meters, benefiting

from British Gas orders

which helped carry profits £28 million higher to £86 million.

Pressure from the non-smok-

ing lobby failed to dent profits at Imperial Tobacco, which

achieved a record result of

£280 million on sales of £2.98

billion, while forest products

benefited from higher world prices that boosted results by

50 per cent to £69 million.

8% in one day However, the news of a FROM LULU YU IN HONG WONG

> was heavy at HK\$5.3 billion The index has shed 1,009 points since Monday, or 17 per cent, purely on the escalar-ing war of words between Britain and China. The index has already lost all recent

14th party congress in China. the year, which started at a low

of 4,300 points.

three days on Tuesday. ing buy at the moment."

vestors also sold rapidly.

Worldwide, sales grew by £1 billion to 58.79 billion. Comment, page 29

# POLITICS HALTS HONG KONG BOOM 6000 5000

# Hang Seng slumps

THE Hong Kong share mar-ket lost 8 per cent of its value yesterday as the Hang Seng idex tumbled to 4,978, down 433 points. The slump was the biggest for a single day since the Tiananmen Square killings in 1989. Turnover

gains made on the back of the US-China section 301 trade agreement and the pro-reform

Analysis say if the fall con-tinues, it could easily wipe out all the Hang Seng's gains on

The market was worst hit yesterday morning, when there were rumours that the Sino-British diplomatic meeting scheduled for next week had been cancelled by Peking. Both the Hong Kong and Chinese governments later issued a denial. The Joint Liaison Group, which discuss all Hong Kong matters in the run-up to 1997 will meet for

David Lavington, of Morgan Grenfell, said: "It is very hard to track the market because it is reacting to sentiment. For value-based investors, most stocks are a scream-Sources say Chinese institu-

tions have been selling heavily on the market, triggering a futures-driven slide; local in-

Pressure on Patten, page 15 Price of uncertainty, page 29 first half, although prices

# GrandMet profits fall for first time since 1974

By MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

rose £3 million to £14 million

pump in another £32 million

because the venture was in

breach of financial covenants

value of its estate. Further cash

injections are not ruled out.

GrandMet's earnings per

GRAND Metropolitan is should start to dimb again looking to the American econlater in the year as production fell again.
The IDV drinks business, omy and the second half of next year for recovery after one of the most difficult periods in its 30-year history.

The food and drinks conwhich includes brands such as Smirnoff vodka and J&B

whisky, rose 12 per cent at the trading level to £509 million. glomerate reported pre-tax profits down from £950 mil-lion to £902 million in the year to end-September, the first representing more than half In food retailing, Burger drop in annual profits since 1974, although a 7.7p final dividend makes a total 12.3p, King pushed up profits by 9 per cent to £137 million but

up from 11.35p. Pearle optical operation and Sir Allen Sheppard, chair-man and chief executive, said the profits from the British retailing side, including the Chef & Brewer pub business, fell £5 million to £101 million. he was "cautiously optimistic" about prospects, despite the profits shortfall, which almost GrandMet's share of losses entirely reflected the non-repefrom Inntrepreneur, the joint pubs venture with Courage, tition of an exceptional credit

"Evidence of early economic recovery is sparse, although we are encouraged by current reports from the US and we expect overall market improvement progressively through 1993," he said.

The American food operations, including the Pillsbury and Green Giant brands, were worst hit. Trading profits from North American food operations fell 15 per cent to

£181 million. "It may be the second half before we seen any major benefit to our business," said Sir Allen, "but we believe the worst is behind us in North

American food." Ian Martin, managing director, said the group was seeing green shoots of recovery in America and a resurgence of confidence since the Clinton

election victory. The American food side was hit by the slowdown in the American economy and an enormous glut of fresh produce, which drove down prices and margins. Mr Martin said the impact of the vegetable share fell from 32.4p to 30.1p. The sale of businesses, including Express dairies, left borrowings £158 million lower at gearing down from 75 to 6 per cent if the value of brands on the balance sheet is included, while interest payments — £77 million lower at £94 million — were covered more

than ten times by profits. Sir Allen said all the busistrategy had now been shaken out and no further significant

disposals were planned.

The Alpo pet food operation, which had previously been put up for sale, would therefore be retained, despite the perceived need for further rationalisation of the American market.

and the group was required to Pearle, said Sir Allen, "elther dies or recovers". after an 11 per cent fall in the

Disappointment at the results sent the shares 12p lower

Tempus, page 26

# Royal Bank is thrown a Direct lifeline

BANKING CORRESPONDENT

PETER Wood, Britain's highest paid employee, has shown he is worth the £6.3 million he earned this year. Direct Line, the insurance arm of the Royai Bank of Scotland which he founded and runs, contributed threequarters of the group's profits as the branch banking operation plunged into losses due rising bad debts. Profits at Direct Line, which was

founded in 1984 and has grown to be the fifth-largest motor insurer in the country, rose 50 per cent to £15.1 million in the year to end-September, even allowing for Mr Wood's one-off bonus. The company, which sells motor and household insurance over the telephone, increased its premium income 71 per cent to £213 million during the year. The business is now thought to be worth £800 million, and George Mathewson, Royal Bank's chief executive, said it was on course

to become the market leader. Under a 1988 agreement, Mr Wood earns a bonus of 1 per cent of the rise in the value of Direct Line. Senior managers at the bank admitted, however, that when they signed the



Profit fall: George Mathewson, chief executive of Royal Bank Scotland

business could expand so fast.

Royal Bank's profits by contrast plunged 64 per cent to £20.9 million as the group's bad debt provisions soared by 23 per cent to £409 million.

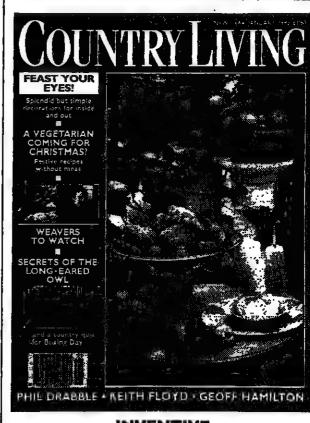
agreement they never believed the The core branch banking division turned from a profit of £10.7 million to a loss of £10.9 million. The slump forced the bank to pay most of the 8.8p interim dividend out of reserves. The group's results were further hit by

a £10.7 million court settlement that Charterhouse, the merchant banking arm, was forced to pay in France after the collapse of Nasa, an electronics company in which it held a 5 per cent stake. Lord Younger of Prestwick, the bank's chairman, said negotiations to sell Charterbouse were continuing. A consortium lead by CCF, the French bank, has finished vetting its opera-

tions and is discussing price. Royal Bank also announced it is closing RoyScot Financial Services, its consumer lending business, at a cost of £38 million. The bank suffered two bad debts of more than £10 million in the year, from Windsor Safari Park and Mountleigh. Most, bowever. were caused by small businesses and per-

Profits at Citizens Pinancial, the Rhode Island US subsidiary, rose by 74 per cent despite the continuing high rate of bad debts.

Royal Bank recently unveiled plans to overhaul its retail operations, codenamed Project Columbus. "Cohumbus will significantly alter the basic elements of our business," Dr Mathewson said. The bank plans to shed 3,500 staff over the next five years to cut costs.



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TEMPUS

# Disappearing act for GrandMet profits

ceive the Grand Metropolitan report and accounts are in for a surprise. The company has restated last year's figures according to the latest accounting guidelines on acquisitions, the so-called FRS3. and almost half the pre-tax profits have disappeared.

Furthermore, a five-year restated view of earnings per share shows a distinctly errat ic flight path, for one of the classic late 1980s growth stocks. Earnings per share in 1992 were almost triple the previous year, when they were battered by the need to restate one-off costs, but they were still lower than in the three earlier years.

GrandMet was the company at the centre of the Terry Smith dispute over accounting policies this summer, and the 1992 figures are not short of the usual wrinkles, although admittedly to a rather less dramatic extent than previously. The pension fund contribution, to take one example, has slipped from £46 million to E39 million.

GrandMet's 1992 pre-tax profits, on an FRS3 basis, are up from £448 million to £925 million because of the need to take on board £418 million of

one offs last time. At the trading level, 1992 was an awful year. The Green Giant food operation in America was badly hit by the glut in fresh produce. British retailing operations were hurt by the downturn in consumer spending and the main en-

summer and are now selling on about 13.5 times' this year's earnings.

Further carnings growth under the new rules will be limited, although American foods should show some recovery. The share price performance, once the market takes this on board; should become rather more pedestrian.

#### Severn Trent

LIKE its northern neighbour Yorkshire Water, Severn growth in utility income of about 1.4 per cent above price increases in the six months to end-September as residential tions in industrial use. At the other end, efficiency savings of about 5.5 per cent kept the rise in operating cost to 3.8 per cent, excluding depreciation, while compliance with water and effluent standards remained among the best.

Customer service, previously a weak point, has improved with better use of information technology. Operating profit at the utility rose 17 per cent to £149 million, which is as well since the core business now has to finance rapidly rising borrowings.

Beyond the core, the lack of any upturn in industry did not help Biffa, the expensive waste management acquisition. Operating profits were 6 million, an eighth lower than those a year ago (not all. of which were due to Severn Trent), but better than the last second half. For the year, Biffa should again make



Stepping up the growth rate: John Bellak, chairman of Severn Trent

445p will yield about 6.4p

about £12.5 million, little more than half its financing cost. Adding a small but growing contribution from municipal water management contracts abroad. Severn Trent, chaired by John Bellak, is at least making 5 per cent of its operating profit from non-core business. This should grow, providing some protection if previous virtue

in core operations is penalcarnings. That rating will look far too humble as the end of ised rather than rewarded in Ofwat's review of prices from 1995. Meanwhile, the interim takeover protection looms. dividend rises an above-average 9.4 per cent to 7p from earnings up 2.7 per cent to 37.5p per share. Assuming some shading of full year dividend growth, the shares at 4.55 p. 48 p.

#### Royal Bank of Scotland

FIVE years ago the Royal Bank of Scotland wanted to

in England. Unfortunately its southern customers have returned the compliment by going into bankruptcy or re-ceivership by the thousand, blowing a hole in the bank's halance sheet.

Only Mountleigh and Windsor Safari Park cost the Royal Bank of Scotland more than £10 million in bad debt provisions, while Royal's provisions south of the border are almost twice the level in Scotland. Most of the blame for the £401 million the bank set aside for dud loans therefore belongs to the bank's small business customers.

Bad debt provisions show few signs of falling significantly at Royal, or any of its competitors in the next two years. Luckily, the bank has a valuable ace in the hole in Direct Line, the insurer. Direct has grown from nowhere in the last eight years to become the country's fifth largest car insurer and is beginning to turn the house. hold insurance market on its head in a similar fashion.

The company contributed three quarters of Royal's profit of £20.1 million. This is only the start. Direct should be contributing £60 million or more within three years, Anyone who buys Royal's shares at 189p, though, is looking into the mists of the future. Profits next year of £140 million would put it on a p/e ratio of 21, and it is likely to be 1995 before that rating looks reasonable. The shares have a reasonable yield back-ing, but still look decidely overbought.

#### Half-time boost for Johnson Matthey

BY COLIN CAMPUILL

STRONG demand in America and Europe for autocatalysts, complemented by in-creased market share, helped Johnson Matthey lift pre-tax profits to £33.2 million (£32.2 million) in the six months to end-September.

David Davies, chairman, said the profits outcome was pleasing, considering that the group's precious metals and the colour and print divisions. The interim dividend is being raised by 6.7 per cent to 3.2p a share out of net earnings of

12.1p (11.5p) a share.
JM. in which Charter Consolidated has a 38 per cent interest, has signed a four-year contract with Honda to produce 1 million autocatalyst units for the American market, and has secured an order to produce 350,000 units a year in Australia for a worldwide contract with Rover

Mr Davies added that the long standing exclusive marketing contract with Rustenburg of South Africa, the world's largest producer of platimum group metals; had been extended into the next

century.

JM has trimmed its cost hase and reduced its headcount in recent years. The precious metals division suf-fered in the interim period from lower rhodium and platinum prices, but gold and silver businesses achieved higher profits.
The worldwide recession

shows no signs of coming to an end, Mr Davies says, though profits should respond rapidly once world economies pick up. Meanwhile, the group con-

tinues to spend heavily on capital projects (£50 million annually) and on research and development (£20 million

annually).

JM shares rose 4p to 468p.

#### Lloyd's reduces costs 18.4% for next year

LLOYD'S of London has made its first steps towards restoring the marker's cost competitiveness by slashing the corporation's expenditure for 1993 by 18.4 per cent and unveiling plans to make further staff cuts of 10 per cent next year. In a move to pass on any cost savings, the corporation has cut membership subscriptions from 0.5 per cent of a name's gross allocated capacity to 0.4 per cent and reduced room charges payable by market practitioners from £307 per square foot to £280. Together the cuts result in an 11 per cent drop to £123 million in the corporation's revenue for 1993.

Overall the fall in corporation costs to £117 million is a step towards achieving the 30 per cent cut considered necessary by David Rowland, the corporation's new chairman, in the Task Force Report. Mr Rowland, who takes over the chairman's reins next year, said he will be paid a salary of £450,000, determined by his present £350,000 salary as chairman of Sedgwick, the UK's largest insurance broker, coupled with the amount needed to compensate for a loss of pension and benefits. As well as a move to cut the head count from the current level of 2,200 to 1,990 by the end of next year Peter Middleton, the corporation's recently appointed chief executive, said that there was a pay freeze for 1993. For senior management this is the second year running. A further £2 million is to be saved by reducing the number of corporation members allowed to sit in on committee meetings to one. In the past corporation representatives have numbered anything up to half a dozen.

#### Metro Radio ahead

ANOTHER rise in advertising revenue helped Metro Radio Group lift pre-tax profits by 10 per cent to £1.9 million (£1.7 million) in the year to end-September. The USM-quoted commercial radio group, which is based in Newcastle, saw advertising revenue rise 13 per cent to £12.6 million (£11.2 million). Turnover rose to £15.2 million (£12.8 million). Earnings per share were 7.5p (7.2p). A maintained final dividend of 3.5p a share leaves the total for the year unchanged at 5p. John Josephs, finance director, succeeds Neil Robinson as chairman and chief executive on January 1. Eric Lawrence will become finance director. The shares were Eric Lawrence will become finance director. The shares were unchanged at 146p.

#### Oceonics slips to £2.1m

OCEONICS Group, the marine surveying and positioning company, saw pre-tax profits slip to £2.1 million in the six company, saw pre-tax profits slip to £2.1 million in the six months to end-September, compared with £2.4 million in the corresponding period last year. Earnings per share were 0.8p. down from 1.2p last time. There is no dividend (nil). An exceptional charge of £106,000 on foreign currency losses after the devaluation of sterling was offset by exchange gains of £270,000. Borrowings have been reduced to £709,000 from £3 million in the previous period. An extraordinary provision of £326,000 has been made against potential property losses stemming from the previous sale of the computers and networks division.

#### Shanks pegs payout

SHANKS & McEwan, the waste management group, sees no sign of a recovery in the sector. While environmental legislation directed more waste towards high standards of disposal, helping to maintain or increase volume, it was "extremely difficult" to pass on increased costs to customers. Shanks is holding the interim dividend at 2.24p a share. Pre-tax profits eased to £15.8 million (£16.73 million) in the six months to September 26, although earnings rose marginally to 6.39p (6.37p) a share, reflecting a lower tax charge. Peter Runciman, chairman, who announced his retirement yesterday, said no significant recovery in margins was expected in the second half. He will be succeeded by Gordon Waddell.

#### B Elliott to restructure

that had its shares suspended in October, has reported a loss of £9.4 million in the year to April 3 (£6.52 million profit to end-March) and has announced a proposed restructuring and refinancing. There is no dividend (4.65p). A subscription by Falkner Morris Partners is intended to raise £9.5 million, a placing and open offer aims to raise £2.5 million and the group's bankers have agreed to convert £16.3 million of debt into shares. The proposals are expected to reduce net borrowings by £27 million. Results for the half year to October 2 show interim pre-tax losses deepening from £106,000 to £487,000.

#### DAF warns of job cuts

DAF, the truck maker, gave warning of further restructuring and job cuts to counter a market slump that has plunged it into heavy losses. In a joint statement with trade unions, DAF. said it was continuing talks on a strategic alliance with another producer. It has held talks with Germany's Daimler-Benz and Japan's Hino Motors. DAF also expects to conclude talks soon with its banks and the Dutch and Belgian governments aimed at strengthening its equity base. It gave no details of the restructuring and job cuts but said two consultancies were assessing its strategic and financial position. There has been speculation about DAF's viability after cumulative losses of Fi 700 million (£256 million) in the 30 months to end-June.

#### TVS sells film rights

TVS Entertainment, the ITV contractor that lost the franchise to broadcast to the South of England, has sold its package of film rights to the successor, Meridian Broadcasting, which takes over on January 1. TVS will receive £6.3 million cash. while Meridian will assume liabilities of up to £2.7 million attached to the rights on films such as Licence to Kill, Home Alone, Ghostbusters II and Superman IV. Shareholders will vote on December 10 on whether to allow a £45 million bid from International Family Entertainment of America to go ahead. TVS said the proceeds from the film rights are about equal to their estimated book value, taken into account in deciding to accept the IFE offer.

#### US captains take aim at BA

IN NEW YORK

THREE captains of America's airline industry have fired fresh shots to destroy British Airways' \$750 million alliance with USAir.

In an open letter to Sir Colin Marshall, BA's chief executive, run as a full-page advertisement in The New York Times, the chairmen of American, Delta and United claimed BA's plan violated American law and offered no benefit to the consumer.

Tension between the two sides has heightened in the past week, as BA stepped up its public relations campaign in America through advertising and interviews between Sir Colin and influential newspapers. A US government decision on BA's alli-



Crandall: equal rights

ance with USAir is expected within 21 days.

The airline operators were retaliating against BA advertisements in which Sir Colin argued that approval for its alliance would give American and clearly violate US law."

through increased competition, save US jobs and assure further investments from BA in the America.

Robert Crandall of American, Ronald Allen of Delta and Stephen Wolf of United say they will withdraw their opposition to the merger once BA and the British government grant them the same rights in the UK as BA wants in America.

"We cannot imagine why the US government would give BA the right to serve 8,000 international city-tocity markets from which the US carriers are excluded." they say. "The governance arrangements that are part of your investment agreement give BA control over every ma-jor business decision of USAir

INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1992

More progress from Eastern.

Statement by the Chairman and Chief Executive Dr. James Smith "The results for the first six months of the financial year show an increase in operating profit to £31.5 million (1991-£26-0m) and a rise in profit before tax to £26.1 million (1991-£15.4m) on turnover of £830.2 million (1991-£821.7m). Earnings per share rose to

6.9p from 4.3p. The increase in operating profit reflects the benefits of our cost reduction programmes and the continued strategic development of our portfolio of electricity purchase contracts. We also saw a useful increase in sales to the competitive non-franchise market. Profit before tax and earnings per share benefited significantly from reduced interest charges (£12.4 million compared with

Electricity Business- Units distributed to commercial customers increased in the first half of the year, although those distributed to the domestic and industrial sectors fell. Overall there was a net fall of 1.9% compared with units distributed in the first half of 1991/92. However, adjusting for differences in weather conditions between the two periods and for other exceptional factors. the underlying level of units distributed was only marginally lower.

Tight control of costs remains central to our management of the business. In particular, increases in costs in distribution have again been kept below the rate of inflation. Our commitment to further cost reductions was evidenced by the announcement on 1 December that we are inviting employees aged over 50 to apply for Voluntary Early Recirement in order to reduce our total staffing numbers by 450 within the next 3 months. The announcement follows a similar scheme successfully completed in October in which some 84 employees in the Contracting Division were accepted for early retirement.

Capital expenditure has been reduced in line with a decrease in new business caused by the recession and a continued improvement in productivity. The provision of a highly reliable supply of electricity to our customers remains a priority. The review of the distribution system performance of all REC's prepared by OFFER ("Report on Distribution Transmission Performance 1991/92") showed that Eastern's distribution system has demonstrated a consistently high level of performance since

In order to maintain and enhance the high standards of service achieved in all areas of Eastern's business, we recently announced the introduction of a Quality Drive throughout the company.

Retailing. On 31 October 1992 we were pleased to announce that Midlands Electricity will be merging its retail business with our associate electrical retailing company, E&S Retail, with effect from 1 April 1993. This will consolidate E&S's position as the third largest electrical retailer in the country. The merged business will benefit from a considerably reduced cost base and greater buying power compared with the individual positions of the three REC retail businesses that are now to be merged. Whilst the costs of establishing the joint venture mean that it will make a loss in 1992/93, the benefits referred to above position it solidly for the

Generation. Our two principal investments in independent generation are progressing well. Peterborough Power, which benefits from a particularly favourable gas deal, is expected to be completed within budgeted cost and on time in September 1993. The Barking station, which benefits from gas supplies on similar terms, is in the early stages of construction. In addition, Fibropower, a 12.7 MW power plant in which we have a 25% interest and which runs on poultry litter, was opened on 19

Prospects. The Eastern region, as with so much of the UK, continues to face difficult economic conditions and there seems little sign of an upturn. Nonetheless, we are expecting a small growth in units distributed for the year ending 31 March 1993 and, taking into account the actions commented on earlier, are confident of achieving satisfactory results for that year. Accordingly, and taking into account our previously stated policy of paying an interim dividend representing broadly 30% of the expected full year dividend, the Directors have declared an interim dividend of 5.50p per share. The interim dividend will be paid on 23 March 1993 to shareholders

on the Register at the close of business on 28 January

Group historical cost results for the six months ended 30 September 1992 (Unerdited) (Audited)

Ternover	830.2	821.7	1,878.1
Operating profit	31.5	26.0	156.9
	3 7.9	6.3	19.5
Not interest	(12.4)	(16.9)	(33.3)
Profit on ordinary activities			
before taxation	26.1	15.4	143.1
Taxation	(7.6)	(3.8)	(38.8)
Profit on ordinary activities			
ofter taxation	18.5	11.6	104.3
Dividends	(14.8)	(13.1)	(45.1)
Profit retained	3.7	(1.5)	59.2
Earnings per ordinary share	6.9p	4.3p	38.6р
Dividend per ordinary share	5.5p	4.85p	16.7p
Group historical cost	(Una	udited)	(Audited)
balanca sheets	30 Sept 1992 £m	30 Sept 1991 £m	31 March 1992 £m
Fixed assets	2411		
Tangible assets	741.8	735.5	745.4
Investments	133.3	97.5	98.1
	875.1	833.0	B43.5
Current assets	380.8	367.3	424.0
Current liebilities	(277.8)	(273.5)	298.6)
Net current assets	103.1	93.8	125.4
Total assets less current liabilities	978.2	926.8	968.9
Debenture and bonds (unsecured)	(168.0)	(200.0)	(168.0)
Provisiona	(42.6)	(28.9)	(40.3)
Net assets	767.6	699.5	760.6
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	135.0	134.9	134.9
Reserves	632.6	555.0	625.7
	767.6	688.8	760.6
Net debt	142.9	241.0	233.3
Gearing	18.6%	34.4%	30.7%

1 Basis of Preparation: The interim results for the six months ended 30 September 1992, which were unaudited, have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policres for the year ended 31 March 1992.

The financial information contained in this interim states statutory accounts within the meaning of Section 240 of the Companies Act 1985. The results for the year ended 31 March 1992 are abridged from the full accounts for that year, which contain an unqualified auditor's report and have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

2 Current cost adjustments; 1991 £m Historical cost profit on ordinary activities before taxation Cost of sales Monetary working capital 3,6 (27.8) (23.3) Current cost loss on ordinary activities before taxation

3 The National Grid Holding plc: Included within profit before taxation is £7.0m interim dividend receivable from The National Grid Holding plc (1991 interim £8.3m and total for year £19.5m).



4 Taxation: Taxation for the six months ended 30 September 1992 has been provided on the basis of the estimated affective tax rate for the year ending 31

Copies of this announcement can be obtained from the Company Secretary, Eastern Electricity plc, Wherstead Park, P.O. Box 40, Wherstead, Ipswich, Suffolk IP9 2AQ. For shareholder enquiries please ring 0345 959697.

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# Eastern leads with 13% dividend rise on profits of £26m

EASTERN Electricity, the cheapest of the 12 electricity supply companies, boosted pre-tax profits by 70 per cent to £26.1 million for the six months to end-September and rewarded shareholders with a 13 per cent rise in the interim dividend to 5.5p.

Eastern's dividend increase is the highest of the regional companies so far and compares with Norweb's 5.9p, up 11 per cent, and London's 12 per cent rise to 5.6p.

The pre-tax figure is at the top end of City expectations. Dr James Smith, Eastern's chairman and chief executive, attributed the rise to costcutting, phasing of electricity purchase contracts and interest charges down from £16.9 million to £12.4 million.

Operating profits climbed 21 per cent to E31.5 million, on turnover up 1 per cent to £830.2 million. Earnings per share rose 60 per cent to 6.9p.

The increase in operating profits was helped by Eastern's cost reduction programme, which has seen staffing levels fall by 800 to 8,000 since privatisation in 1990. -

Richard Leveritt, finance director, said the 400 jobs cut in the year to September led to savings of more than £6 million. There will be further savings from another 450 job cuts over the next three

Unit distribution fell overall

Eastern's profits were at the top end of expectations and shareholders are rewarded with the highest dividend increase of all privatised electricity companies so far

by 1.9 per cent, partly due to ers at Scottish Hydro-Electric, warmer weather compared with last time. Unit distribution to commercial customers increased, but units distributed to domestic and industrial customers fell. By contrast, unit sales increased 1.5 per cent as Eastern won back local customers and made further inroads in other regions.

Mr Leveritt said Eastern

kept distribution costs below the rate of inflation, for a real decrease of 1 per cent. Spreading the cost of elec-

tricity purchase contracts pro-vided a first-half benefit of £10 million, but he said there would not be a full-year

Eastern made a first-half loss of more than £1 million on its contracts side and an estimated £1 million-£2 million loss on retailing. It does not expect a full-year profit in retailing, but expects a return to profit in the next financial year. The loss reflects the costs associated with the decision to merge the retailing business with Southern and Midlands.

Meanwhile, stronger demand from customers in the north of Scotland balanced out a fall in volumes supplied to English industrial customthe smaller of the two pri-vatised Scottish electricity companies, while a £6 million fall in interest payable also helped send pre-tax profits up from £24.4 million to £40.6 million in the six months to the end of September.

A rise in the interim dividend from 3.25p to 3.60p boosted Scottish Hydro shares by 3p to 240p. Sir Michael Joughin, the chairman, said the company had increased total sales in England and Wales by 20 per cent and cut

The arrival of gas from BP's Miller Field and higher-than-usual rainfall, which boosted the company's hydro-electric facilities, allowed operating margins to grow by 2.5 per cent. The volumes of electricity distributed to customers in the group's home area of the north of Scotland rose 3 per cent, spread evenly between domestic, commercial and industrial customers.

Sir Michael held out the prospect of lower prices to consumers next year. "This improvement in our performance will be one of the



Powering ahead: John Gray, finance director, left, and Roger Young, chief executive, of Scottish Hydro-Electric

#### Go-ahead given for Amstrad meeting

AMSTRAD'S extraordinary meeting at which shareholders will vote whether to accept Alan Sugar's 30p a share cash offer will go ahead on Monday as scheduled, the High Court ruled yesterday. Mr Justice Vinelott "struck out" an

application by Edward Northcote, the private owner of 1,000 Amstrad shares, to have the meeting postponed until further information about Mr Sugar's plans had been circulated. The judge said that Amstrad was entitled to costs. However,

ask for costs against Mr Northcote.

Meanwhile, institutional objections to Mr Sugar's offer continue to grow. Postel, owner of 1.88 per cent of Amstrad's capital, has confirmed that it will vote against Mr Sugar's bid. The Prudential, owner of a 0.9 per cent stake, has indicated it will also vote against the

Equity & Law, holding 1.6 per cent, said yesterday it had not finally made up its mind but viewed 30p "an unsatisfactory offer" which it would probably accept

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"with reluctance" because there was no indication of a higher offer around.

There are suggestions that another offer for Amstrad from "interests associated with the Pacific Basin is waiting in the wings". However potential bidders are unwilling to show their hand.

One possible ploy that could make another bidder break ground is for disgruntled shareholders to ensure that the 30p offer is thrown out on Monday. and then call an extraordinary general meeting to appoint a non-executive

#### Severn Trent rises to £141m

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT FINANCIAL EDITOR

SEVERN Trent, the Midlands water group, raised its pre-tax profits 16.2 per cent to £141 million, the highest in the sector, in the six months to September 30. The interim dividend rises 9.4 per cent to 7p from earnings up 2.7 per cent to 37.5p per share.

Turnover grew 16 per cent to £459 million. This included a 10.2 per cent rise to £376 million in the core utility business, slightly ahead of increases in charges. Roderick Paul, the chief executive said, however, that there was little sign of any end to recession and the group was not assum-ing an upturn in its planning.

Capital spending at the core business rose from £234 million to £267 million. For the full year, it is expected to be slightly lower at £550 million. Sales at Biffa, the solid waste management business, were static at £43 million and profits were down 12 per cent on a comparable basis at 66 million, but both were better than in the second half of last year. John Bellak, the chairman, said tighter regulation in the solid waste business was now helping Biffa win national accounts.

During the summer half, the water utility achieved 99.6 per cent compliance with drinking water and sewage effluent standards, it also improved customer service, previously rated poor, by using new technology for billing and speeding up response to customer complaints.

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#### **SNC** pegs payout at 1p

Profits at Smith New Court, the securities house, fell by 11 per cent to £6.7 million in the

half-year to end-October. Net profits, however, were steady at £4.2 million and the interim was pegged at 1p. The firm also transferred £1.9 million to reserves.

Syltone warning

Shares in Syltone fell 15p to 248p after the company gave warning of difficulty in maintaining trading profitability. Pre-tax profits rose to £1.22 million (£1.17 million) in the six months to end-September. The interim stays at 3.15p.

Scapa increases

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Scapa Group, manufacturer of specialist products for the printing and paper industries, is raising its interim from 1.52p to 1.6p after pre-tax profits for the period ended September 30 of £20 million (£20.3 million).

#### In control

Profits at Control Techniques. the electronic drives and controls group, recovered from £4.15 million to £6.22 million. in the 12 months to end-September. A final 4.7p makes 6.85p(6.5p).

#### Holmes drops

Holmes & Marchant, the marketing services group, dropped to a pre-tax loss of £160,000 (£2.1 million profit) in the year to end-September. There is no dividend (3.3p).

#### John Swire

John Swire & Sons has asked us to point out that it has not relocated most of its business from Hong Kong to London. Swire's move up the league ta-ble of private companies in the UK was based on a change in accounting rules that meant associated companies were now treated as subsidiaries for accounting purposes under the Companies Act 1985. No assets have been transferred to the UK from HK, where Swire remains a committed investor.

#### Coal plan could save 8,000 jobs

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

EIGHT thousand miners jobs could be preserved, and 13 of the pits earmarked for closure saved, under proposals submitted to the government by British Coal. Production costs could be cut by more than a third over the next five years, enabling the corporation to compete with imports.

Even under the best-case scenario, British Coal would employ only 17,000 miners, pits, by 1998. Ho if the government refused to create a larger market for coal by intervening in the privatised electricity regime, British Coal would operate just 15 mines by that year, Neil Clarke, the chairman, said.
The aim of the proposals

was "to achieve the largest

viable coal industry for the future". They would require interventions by the government to ensure that electricity generators burned an extra 15 million tonnes of coal a year.

In evidence to the enquiry set up by Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary, British Coal called on the government to prevent the lives of Britain's first-generation nuclear plants being extended, to refuse coner stations and to review those already approved to ensure that only those which were economic were allowed, and to eliminate electricity imports from France.

Mr Clarke said he could see no prospect of the ten pits being examined under the colliery review procedure

#### **London International** advances to £15.5m

BY OUR CITY STAFF

PROFITS at London International Group, the healthcare and photo-processing company, rose from a restated £7.1 million to £15.5 million in the six months to end-September.

The restatement arose from treating the extraordinary £13.4 million cost of closing a British plant making sur-geons' gloves, incurred in the six months to end-September

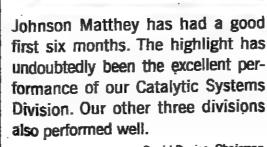
Woltz: set to meet demand

1991, as an exceptional item this time. Before exceptional items, LIG fell from £20.5 million to £15.5 million. The interim dividend is held at 3.2p, out of earnings up from 2.64p to 6.37p. The shares rose 1p to 235p. A £2 million exceptional

item will be charged during the second half to cover the cost of closing ColourCare laboratories in South Shields, Park Royal and Enfield. About 200 jobs will go. Alan Woltz, the chairman,

said: "We see no end to the recession in sight and are planning accordingly. However, any early pick-up in eco-nomic activity will find our manufacturing, sales and dis-tribution systems fully capable of meeting demand." Health and personal prod-

ucts, including condoms, improved from £13.6 million to £16.1 million at the operating level. But photo-processing fell from £11.5 million to £6.3



Properties sold at a loss to cut debt

# Greycoat drops deeper in red

By MATTHEW BOND

GREYCOAT, the property company best known for its development of London office blocks, has announced a big increase in first half losses. In the six months to end-September pre-tax losses were £39.2 million, compared with the £5.8 million lost in the first half of the preceding year. The stock market reacted calmly to the losses, despite the announcement coming just four days after the appointment of receivers at Rosehaugh,

another large investor in City office property.

Two months ago Greycoat signalled the seriousness of its cash flow problems, by rescinding a previously announced final dividend and said that it would not be paying dividends due to preference shareholders either. No interim dividend accompanied yesterday's losses (2.3p).Geoffrey Wilson,

chairman, reiterated the company's determination to bring down its borrowings through active asset sales, which could include landmark developments such as Embankment Place, the Terry Farrell designed block built over the railway tracks at Charing Cross station. Proceeds of the sales to date have reduced net borrowings from a March yearend level of £420 million to a current level of £359 million. But, as yesterday's losses show. the sales are not being achieved above book

Properties sold during the first half brought a £13 million loss on a combined book value of almost £86 million, while the sale of the group's interest in the joint venture company that developed Finsbury Avenue for £27.5 million gave rise to a £15 million loss. Further provisions against property values produced a £7 million loss.



David Davies, Chairman

**KEY FIGURES** £33.2m (1991: £32.2m) Profit before tax (1991: 11.5p) 12.1p Earnings per share (1991: 3.0p) Interim dividend per share 3.2p

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# Insurers come in for stormy time

STOCK MARKET

in for a battering as brokers decided to take profits after considering the likely costs of claims that will follow the recent spate of storms, floods and damage caused by the Manchester bombs. Among the losers, Commercial Union fell 12p to 595p, General Accident 10p to 578p, GRE 3p to 174p and Sun Alliance Smith New Court.

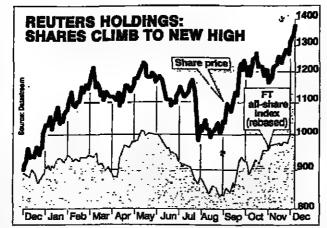
5p to 331p. Royal Insurance, which announced a £76 million conertible bond issue which is thought to have been oversubscribed, fell 12p to 253p, on heavy volume of 8,3 million. However, the fall was partly due to people switching out of the ordinary shares and into the higher-yielding bonds.

Equities were steadier after Wednesday's correction, un-derpinned by sterling's strength and firm futures that helped to lift the underlying

A slight increase in house prices, according to the latest Halifax index, also boosted sentiment, although the advance was checked by another sharp overnight fall in Hong Kong and a negative start on

Wall Street. The FT-SE 100 index closed below its best at 2,771.0. up 6.9 points, having been 13.6 points higher at one stage. Volume reached a healthy 669.5 million shares, swollen by reports of a big twoway programme trade, said to have been transacted by Goldman Sachs, and a sell programme, understood to have been undertaken by

There was selective support for international stocks. Strong demand from the UK and America helped Reuters, which gains more than 80 per cent of its revenues overseas, to advance 25p to an all-time high of £13.76. Overnight demand from America and a firmer dollar also helped to lift Glaxo, 12 p stronger at 787p, ICI, up 21p at £10.48 and Vodalone, 6p higher at 403p. Good buying saw Rolls-Royce rise 3<sup>1</sup>2p to 107<sup>1</sup>2p. on volume of 8.5 million, boosted by strong demand from America Bid speculation was again alive



horticultural side might be sold. Another traumatic session on the Hong Kong stock market saw the Hang Seng Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, and Peking continued to unnerve investors. However, among those exposed,

BAA advanced 18p to 793p after British Airways, unchanged at 276p, said it saw November's scheduled revenue passenger kilometres increase by 9.4 per cent. The airline's underlying rate of scheduled traffic growth was 8.4 per cent.

> counts for about two-thirds of profits and about a quarter of the bank's total asset, saw its

shares fall to 450p in early

trade. But they recovered to

close 5p higher at 485p, on

Cable and Wireless, which gains more than half of tax-

able profits from the area initially fell to 630p but rallied

to finish 7p firmer at 650p. Standard Chartered, which

also has major interests in Hong Kong, fell at the start of

dealing, but the shares later

recovered to close 14p higher

Elsewhere in the banking sector, the Royal Bank of

Scotland rose 74p to 189p.

despite a 63 per cent decline in

full-year profits depressed by

the recession and bad debts, while Abbey National eased

5p to 373p after reports that Moody's Investors Service, the

American debt rating agency.

had cut its debt rating for the

BTR firmed 2 p to 518p. on a very heavy volume of 17 million shares, with Smith New Court said to have placed

Shares in Alexon Group fell

27p to 98p after it issued a warning saying that results for the year would fall below

current market expectations. Despite a good start to au-turn trading. Alexon said sales had been "significantly

below budget" since mid-

7 million shares at 516p.

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volume of 23 million shares.

#### Dow comes under early pressure

the minus column at midmorning on continued, but mild, profit-taking, traders said. But they added that the market was taking a normal

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 15.94 points to 3,270.31. In the broad market, declining issues were in front of advancing shares seven to five.

☐ Tokyo — Shares ended down in thin, lacklustre trading on profit-taking and futures-led selling. The Nikkei average was down 133.60 points, or 0.77 per cent, to 17,260.08, with an estimated 240 million shares traded. ☐ Singapore — Shares closed. moderately lower in cautious

trading as sentiment was dampened by the Hong Kong market's massive losses, brokers reported. The Straits

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Times industrial index fell 11.55 points to 1,448.34. □ Sydney — Shares closed lower as the Hong Kong situation caused uncertainty,

brokers said. But they said the

factor was largely offset by an inflow of capital into Australia as investors withdrew from the Hong Kong market. The All-Ordinaries index closed 4.6 points down at 1433.8.

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GOVERNMENT stocks rebounded by up to £1% at the strength and short covering.

Gilts opened £4 point firmer and spent the rest of the day on an upward trend. Simon Thorp, of County NatWest, said: "It has been a strong performance right across the Continent."

Dealers said short covering of Wednesday's auction of per cent new Treasury stock 2003 helped to squeeze it 45

The March gilt future opened £4 better and was boosted by heavy demand shortly before the close. It finished £1<sup>13</sup>/<sub>32</sub> higher at £9918/32, on 27,000 contracts traded. Among shorter dated securities, Conversion 10 per cent 1996 rose 18 ticks to £10829/32, while Treasury 9 per cent 2012 jumped 44 ticks to £10123/32 at the longer end.

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#### Right priority for pension reform

he Maxwell affair showed the worst case of pension fund manipulation, which most people in the industry thought unlikely ever to happen, even if it were theoretically possible. That makes it a good test for any new system of regulation that emerges from the Goode committee. Reform should, however, concentrate on much more widespread but less extreme abuses, such as delays in handling over contributuons, manipulation of trustees, and the inappropriate investment policies and withdrawal or misuse of funds by employers that can result. Such petty abuses are mainly responsible for so many employees being disappointed in the outcome of their years of saving and so many pensioners being left with the minimum the law, or rules, allow rather than the natural proceeds of investment of a scheme's assets and contributions.

As the Prudential rightly argues, reform should therefore focus on proper and effective day-to-day regulation rather than legal rule-tightening and compensation arrangements, necessary as those are. A single regulator is needed with clear responsibility and the power to monitor what is happening in funds, investigate complaints and intervene to stop abuses. That office must be active and often be a nuisance, more like the water or electricity industry regulators than the Securities and Investments Board. That kind of regulator will also put the interests of pension scheme members at the top of the agenda, rather than mere observance of the proprieties of law and fund management.

If that is done effectively, compensation schemes should hardly be touched. To rely on a compensation scheme punishes the good scheme to help the weak. If underfunding caused by incompetence or overoptimism were to be covered by such a backstop, imprudence would perversely be encouraged.

#### Adrenalin drought

reen shoots of recovery have been spotted across the Atlantic by both Hanson and Grand Metropolitan, but there has been no such luck in Britain. After reporting his first-ever fall in annual pre-tax profits, Lord Hanson said his group was depending on old fashioned business virtues like self-discipline and hard work to see it through the hard times still to come — particularly in the UK where margins are predicted to become yet harder to earn next year.

Lords Hanson and White are more positive about America, where they say there are signs that the recession is levelling out. Indeed, Lord White gives the incumbant President, Bill Clinton, a pat on the back when he says Washington is showing a commitment to revive the economy which had already been kick-started by lower interest rates. The group's American operations are looking positive for Hanson, both in a recovery in trading and the boost to profits from sterling's fall against the dollar. The value of the group's dollar debt is also growing. nudging gearing up since the year-end. With a gross cash pile of £8.4 billion, Hanson can still afford to be acquisitive. I hat is the messa se men iotosinos au keen to convey. They say they are "constantly reviewing acquisition opportunities for growth" and extol the need for more "bolt-on purchases" such as Maninka coal and Beazer.

Hanson has been routed twice this year, by ICI and Tomkins, and is involved in an acrimonious legal battle with Costain over Hanson's attempt to buy its Australian coal business. To throw off the gloom of recession, their lordships need the flood of adrenalin from a successful bid.

# Hong Kong investors pay price of uncertainty over political future

Business in the colony is strong but the Hang Seng index shed 17 per cent in the first four days of this week. Lulu Yu examines the causes

t was like falling over a cliff, according to Barry Yates, a Hong Kong analyst with Asia Equity. "Every time you blinked it was another 50 points off the market." the market. Every time the market tried to rally, it got hit back."

The Hang Seng index lost 8 per cent of its value yesterday to close at 4.978, down 433 points on the session. It was the biggest one-day slump since Peking rolled the tanks into Tiananmen Square three-and-a-half years ago, and trading turnover was heavy at HK\$5.3 billion (£442

So far this week, the index has shed 1,009 points, or 17 per cent, purely on the escalating political war of words between Britain and China. Apart from that, nothing has

changed since the market scaled the record 6,400 level just two weeks ago.

Many agree with Sir Percy Cradock that Hong Kong is in the worst political crisis it has seen for years, and that Sino-British relations are at their lowest ebb since the Cultural Revolution in the 1960s. This comes at a time when Hong

Kong's economy is going from strength to strength, with economic growth forecast at 6 per cent for the year, inflation coming down from double digits to 9.5 per cent, low interest rates, strong corporate earnings and a booming market across the border for business investments.

Hong Kong's economic fundamentals have been hailed as the strongest in Asia, but politics continue to overshadow the market. Shares that have been investors' darlings can lose their lustre in a matter of days. This week, many firms saw their share prices battered by public perception about their earning potential

in the light of the political row.

Property and bank stocks fell sharply because the property market will be the first to go if the share market crashes further. Those with China exposure, which have fared well this year, are seen as a liability in case China turns hostile. Construction firms with large, lucrative contracts are being dumped because Hong Kong's new airport and container terminal projects may be in eopardy. Utilities face losing franchises come 1997.

Businessmen and professional groups are panicking but Chris Patten, the colony's governor, has shown no sign of bowing to Peking's demands that his democratic blueprint for Hong Kong be scrapped. While China steps up its rhetoric everyday, Mr Patten has been equally firm in defending the British position. The conflict centres on Mr Patten's plan to broaden the electoral



China syndrome: Hong Kong's commercial future requires agreement between Peking and Britain

base for elections to Hong Kong's legislative council in 1995, and to make the legislature more powerful. The Chinese think these plans give Hong Kong a more democratic system and violate the spirit of the Basic Law, the colony's post-1997 constitution endorsed by Britain.

To Deng Xiaoping's leadership, the conflict is not confined to the electoral proposals, which many think are minor changes. As Li Peng, China's prime minister, put it: "The crux of the matter is not whether one wants democracy or not. It is whether one needs to keep one's word on the question of Hong Kong, China and Britain reaching a series of agreements." Those agreements include the 1984 Sino-British declaration. the understanding that political development in Hong Kong must converge with the Basic Law, and that Hong Kong would not build its new airport without China's approval.

China believes Whitehall is aligning with other foreign forces to try to retain the West's influence in Hong Kong after 1997. It has warned Mr Patten not to internationalise the Hong Kong issue in his overseas visits, where he has taken the opportunity to explain his proposals.

This theory gained ground as several Western governments voiced

their suppport for Britain. The United States, in particular, seems poised to punish China's iron-fisted treatment of Hong Kong by revoking its "most favoured nation" trade status. Senator Connie Mack, a Florida Republican, said: "If China's ultimatum on contracts is any indication of what the Hong Kong people can expect in 1997, moral men and women cannot remain silent.'

Meanwhile, Hong Kong takes fright. Its market is notorious for its volatility: it suffered its first major crash in 1973, when shares lost a third of their value in a day. In October 1987, when the market reopened after a controversial fourday closure, the Hang Seng plunged by a third. During Tiananmen Square, the sell-off totalled 22 per cent. In August this year, the failed

tuart Cook, of Baring Securities, said: "After Tiananmen Square, it should be obvious to anyone that Peking will stop at nothing to suppress a domestic political challenge. Patten may not realise this. Domestic consumption would be the next casualty and in the run up to Christmas J would expect to see a drop off in sales of big-ticket

items in the stores." Simon Murray, managing director of Hutchison Whampoa, said he was confident the current political deadlock would be resolved. "This isn't the first time we have been in a bit of a bust-up with China. We have had many before. Britain, China and Hong Kong all want the same thing for Hong Kong.

and that's prosperity," he said. TS Lo. a former Hong Kong government adviser who heads a pro-China political group, urged Mr Patten to withdraw his proposals immediately: "We must be very clear that what Mr Patten is doing is extremely harmful to Hong Kong and there is no chance of a smooth transition to Chinese sovereignty if he persists in his disruptive ventures." Marshall Byres, of Ernst & Young,

the accountant, lashed out at Britain's government for changing its policy on Hong Kong and causing the colony to suffer. He said: "Britain has not given democracy to Hong Kong for 95 years. Why it chooses to do so now is extremely puzzling. The Conservative government has made many mistakes this year. This is just one of them, and Hong Kong is paying heavily for it."

He does not believe the current deadlock will be resolved, but is bullish about Hong Kong's longinvest in Hong Kong because they believe in China and want to invest in China," he claimed.

Kevin Snowball, of Baring Securities, was also optimistic. "If people believe China will honour the Basic Law after 1997, Hong Kong stocks have great value. If people don't believe in that, they should not be involved in the market at all."

Mr Patten is one of Hong Kong's most popular governors, but his support is clearly thinning as the political dispute widens. Caught beween an angry China and a hostile business community, Mr Patten has relied on the legislature and the public for support, but many have turned against him. The only political group that still supports him is the United Democrats of Hong Kong, headed by Martin Lee,a vociferous lawyer.
Mr Patten said yesterday he was

not to blame for the fall of the market enough to withstand any crash. He said: "Nobody ever made any money by betting against Hong Kong. That is a point which will be borne by a lot of people over the next few months as the profit figures for Hong Kong companies keep rolling in. The economic fundamentals in Hong Kong are probably sounder than in any other community in the world.

We have a very well managed

very strong economy, and I think that, in the medium and long term, everything continues to be set ex-tremely fair."

espite Mr Patten's optimism, analysts say Hong Kong's economic fundaif the share market continued its downward spiral. Share prices have soared on the back of low interest rates and a thriving China trade. Savings in the bank only earn 1.5 per cent interest, while the share market has risen by nearly 50 per cent in the first 11 months.

Property used to be a sound investment until banks tightened mortgage lending to 70 per cent from 90 per cent for the small and medium flat-buyers in the middle of the year. Still, the property market has been overheated, and the stock market phunge is expected to force a painful correction.

Francis Lau, of Raine Horne & Lau, the property firm, said a number of major property transactions had been held up and further stock slides will have serious implications for residential and commercial market. He said: "A number of large transactions have been put on hold. The market is extremely quiet. There will be a crash if stock investors start selling their properties to cover their stock positions. Commercial prices have gone up by some 30 per cent this year, but sharp falls are expected if the stock market collapses."

The colony's underlying economic strength is unquestioned. But, in the short term at least, political questions, rather than business results, are the dominant influence on Hong Kong's

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#### Jumping off the gravy train

IT'S nice to see that some people are still willing to put public service before piling up more money. Graeme Odgers, chief executive of Alfred McAlpine, the contractor, is voluntarily accepting a cut in income of more than £250,000 to become the next chairman of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. He moves to the MMC in April, when his current threeyear contract expires. Odgers, 58, who succeeds Sir Sydney Lipton, will forgo a salary of £309,000 and will also have to give up two non-executive directorships, each worth £15,000 to £20,000, to take the £87,000-a-year post. He previously ran the Industrial Development Unit, had a spell at Tarmac, then became

group managing director of British Telecom. He left BT in 1990, after a public falling-out with lain Vallance, who had pipped him to the chairman's job. As he says, £87,000 is "a liveable salary" and his years in industry mean he does not have to look at the job "purely in terms of shekels".

#### Britons ahoy

SALOMON Brothers' headquarters at Victoria Plaza rang with shouts of "the British are coming" yesterday, when no fewer than four senior British employees were told they were being promoted to the exalted title of managing director, the firm's equivalent of partner. The fortunate quartet are all in their mid-thirties and stand to earn up to £500,000 a year if they continue to perform. They are Jeremy Amias, head of fixed-income sales, Simon



Odgers: £250,000 drop

Bowden, a fixed-income arbitrageur, Paul Brewer, head of foreign exchange, and David Turnbull, head of Japanese equity sales. In all, eight employees in the London office were promoted to managing director status, a new record, which means that Europe now accounts for 23 of the firm's 130 managing directors — a far cry from the days at Salomon when, if it wasn't in New York, it didn't matter. Could this sudden burst of Anglophilia have occurred because Deryck Maughan, Salomon's chief, comes from County Durham? Perhaps, although Victoria Plaza does contribute a quarter of group profits and is on course for another record

Tear-jerker THE research department at Smith New Court has done some deep thinking for its circular on Commercial Union. entitled "Onions cause bears to cry". One of the analysts explains: "Commercial Union used to be called Commercial Onion when it was the poor man of the sector. Now it is not

the poor man but some brokers still think it will cut its dividend. We don't think it will and therefore the bears on the stock are going to end up crying." They are not the only ones crying, after explanations

#### Pet language WE all know the French chien

does not go bow-wow or even woof-woof — he says woufwouf on French dog food packets. But which nation's dogs say Ao-Ao, bup-bup, voon-voon, auh-auh, vov-vov, gav-gav or even wo-wo? Fred Marsh, an international marketing consultant, claims to have devised the first onomatopoeia of words used to imitate the sounds of cats and dogs in advertising around the world. "The words look different but they sound increasingly similar," he maintains. Marsh yesterday gave some life-like demonstrations over the telephone. If his barking is anything to go by, the Portugese Ao-Ao and the Catalonian bup-bup do sound close to our woof-woof. The glossary is in a report on Europe's pet food market.

#### Talking shops

WHEN the Christmas sales figures emerge in January. a new team will be analysing them at BZW. Research chief Bill Smith has snapped up Charles Nichols and Tony Shiret from UBS-Phillips & Drew after the departure of BZW's retail man Brian Corris. Nichols and Shiret leave the desk in the hands of Andrew Fowler, a relative newcomer, who will now be working twice as hard.

#### BUSINESS ETTERS

Put an end to these contracts From Sir Anthony Beaumont-Dark

Sir, Is it ever likely so many businesses run into trouble when the rewards of failure are often more than the re-

wards of success. The latest example being Trafalgar House who have just reported a loss of over £30m. The two gentlemen mainly responsible for this disorder are to receive £1.9m in "compensation" for their contracts -- where is sense in this and where is the "compensation" for the shareholders. I believe until three-year rolling contracts are stopped the disgraceful state of affairs that gives capitalism a bad

name will never be stopped.

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a mystery to me, but I am sure

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Yours faithfully, SIR ANTHONY BEAUMONT-DARK, 124 Lady Byron Lane, Knowle, Solihull, West Midlands.

#### Managing a business of no account

From Mr Guy Croft

Sir. When I read the complaints in your business section that are sent in by your (no doubt) aggrieved readers I have to suppress a wry grin. I must confess I have had my fair share of problems with the banks (most of them) in the past but nothing prepared me for the shock I got after, in a fit of pique, my last bank "manager" (TSB) served notice on me that my account was to be I discovered that owing to an adverse "credit record" I

couldn't get a bank account at all! I wonder how your readers would cope with that? How I continue to do busi-

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#### Mining productivity

From Mr Anthony Lilley

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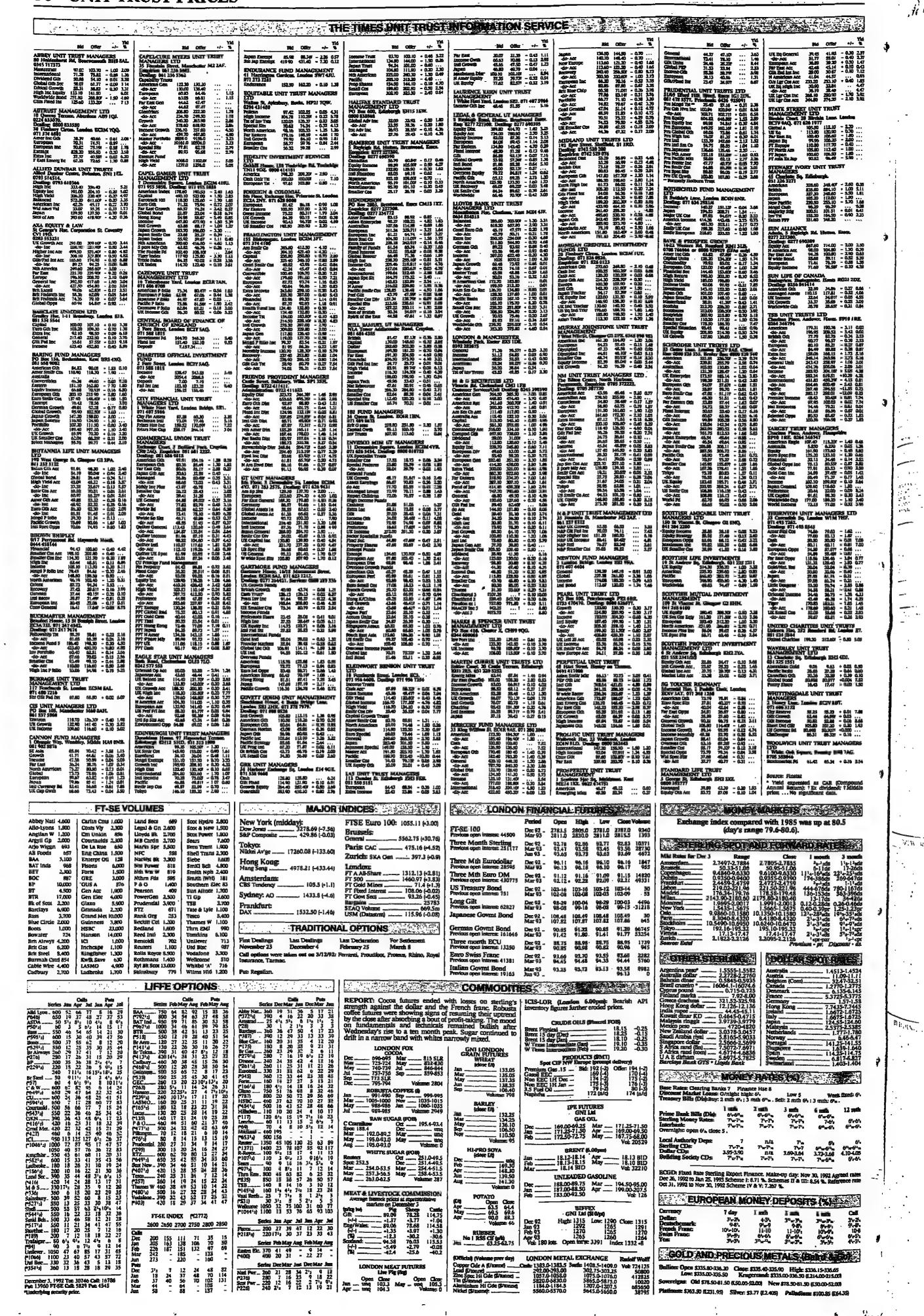
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#### Small firms offered an easier route to bank finance

By Derek Harris

A ROUTE to easier bank finance for small businesses is being opened up in London with the cooperation of the four big clearing

At the same time, despite their own difficulties in the recession, 22 big companies are increasing their support for the London Enterprise Agency (LEntA) which has been the prime mover in the bank finance

The move is part of a new effort by LEntA to encourage entrepreneurs to use next year as preparation for realistic growth. The banks - National Westminster, Barclays, Midland and Lloyds - have agreed to look carefully at businesss which have benefited from LEntA training, counselling and

monitoring.

The LEntA processing can yield an assessment of the prospects of a. business and is done partly by LEntA staff strengthened by secondees from, at the moment, three of the banks.
It should help businesses which

might otherwise be marginal cases if they went as unknowns into a bank asking for financial backing. The extra aid for LEntA from its big backers should mean more help generally for the capital's small businesses in surmounting their

The backers are expected in the next 12 months to put up about £400,000 in various ways from direct cash help and low-cost premises to sending in secondees to contribute management expertise.

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companies offering it especially in areas such as marketing and technical assistance. Help of this kind is also coming from a growing number of professional firms in the

City and elsewhere.

A valuable source of hands-on expertise comes from successful entrepreneurs who have sold off their businesses, but are willing to help a newcomer.

As the search for market development intensifies, LEntA plans to concentrate on promoting small firms to large buyers. Thanks to Post Office sponsorship help, LEntA will be adding to its already successful service for first-time

There is assistance available for innovators, including help with patenting, technical advice, market assessment and licensing. In the past 12 months more than 350 inventors have been aided.

LINC, the Local Investment Networking Company headquar-tered with LEntA and which is a consortium of 13 enterprise agencies around the country, expects to boost its activities in the coming

In the past 12 months 20 deals have been completed to inject private equity capital into small firms, LINC acting as a marriage broker. LINC schemes now average a 20 per cent success rate.

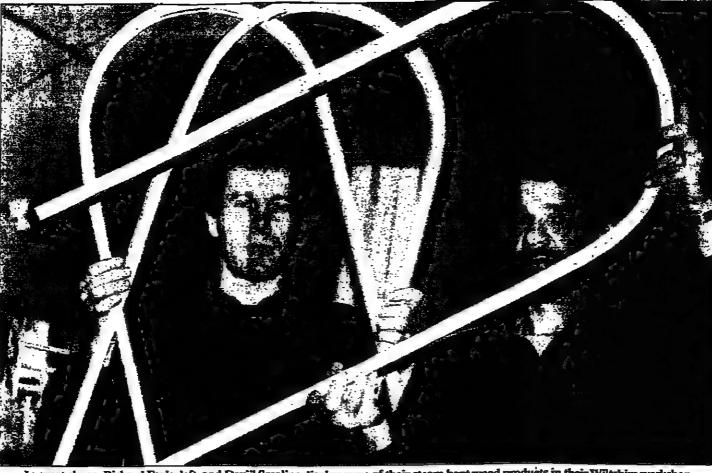
The LEntA annual review says that while provision of low-cost premises is unlikely to be a problem in the immediate future, it looks likely that there will be a shortage of purpose-built premises for smaller

Accordingly, LEntA Business Space will be opening new business centres in central London at Spitalfields and Shoreditch.

Each year LEntA, a pioneer among local enterprise agencies, provides business counselling and advice for more than 3,500 potential existing entrepreneurs and training for a further 2,000.

It underlines the importance of small businesses to job creation in the capital. Its analysis shows that in the year 1990, companies with fewer than ten employees were responsible for more than half the new jobs created in inner London.

Contact: LEntA is at 4 Snow Hill London EC1A 2BS; telephone 071 236 3000. The same for LINC.



In great shape: Richard Foyle, left, and David Smaling display some of their steam-bent wood products in their Wiltshire workshop

# Getting fat on thinnings

PROFITS can be made from what has hitherto been regarded as waste timber. This has been proved by Richard Foyle, David Smaling and Roy Tam, who run Trannon Furniture, a furniture-making business based in Witshire,

They have focused on that half of the annual crop of British forests the "thirmings" — which until now has been wasted because conventional furniture manufacturers found no use for it.

Because saw mills look for tall. branchless trees, foresters plant trees close together. To get one marketable tree, about four out of five have to be felled or "thinned". To prove that good furniture could be made from them on a commercial basis, the three each gave up well-paid professional jobs.

They got together on a two-year course in forest development at Hooke Park, an ecology-minded college in Dorset run by Parnham Trust. They decided to pool their experience in design and engineering after gaining their diplomas at

rary furniture commercially, using methods that are environmentally

Getting their new business off the ground in the recession was not easy. Yet, in their first year, they have picked up export orders from the United States and Spain, while in Britain their products have been selected for the Crafts Council's new case in Islington, London, and for the Victoria & Albert Museum's above those of up-market furniture shops, but well below those usually paid for items commissioned indiidually from craftsmen.

Mr Tam, 35, the youngest of the partners, said: "We find we are getting customers referred to us by people who make commissioned furniture." David Colwell, who was their design autor at Hooke Park, acts as consultant to Trannon. Its products include his Rattan recliner, part of the V&A's collec-

#### Trannon is changing the outlook for many farmers looking for diversification

Christmas catalogue. The trio put up £18,000. They have a bank overdraft facility, but so far have not needed to draw on it. Finding factory premises close to plentiful supplies of wood proved trickier than they had expected. However, by the end of last year they located a suitable unit on a small trading estate on a farm near Pewsey, in

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bent designs give strength and comfort — and also look good."

Besides using the "thinnings" Trannon is now making table legs from young, coppiced or cut-back ash. A new technique is used to machine small-diameter wood without california and with the need without splitting and with no need to pre-season the timber.

Trannon is changing the business outlook for some farmers, according to Mr Foyle. At a time when farmers are looking increas-ingly for diversification, many would like to plant more trees but until now have not seen how they can secure a return on investment in their lifetime. Mr Foyle said: "Now we are proving to them that it can be done."

An important source of business for Trannon has proved to be exhibiting at design and craft events. It will notch up a dozen this year. The partners also travel widely, presenting slide shows to promote their products. They have also opened their workshop to visitors. The steam-bending, which takes place on three days each month, has proved a popular attraction.

Smaller businesses could find their lives as tenants of premises much simpler if a Law Commission review of landlord and tenant law is eventually adopted. This is the conclusion of Hill Taylor Dickinson, the London-based solicitor, which has been studying the review with smaller businesses in mind.

It is easy to get tangled up with the present law on lease renewal. Formalities have to be completed quickly, or the tenant loses the right to a new lease. The new idea is to allow renewal up to the time the lease expires.

Trevor Marshall, a partner at Hill Taylor Dickinson, said: "The hard-pressed owner of a small company might not know that he has to respond to a landlord's notice within two months. If among all the problems of recession he found he had lost his premises through an oversight, it would probably be the last straw. The suggested change would make the law much fairer to small businesses, which have no profes-sional advisers on hand."

Another change would make it easier to pull out quickly after staying in premises beyond a lease expiration date. It would also mean tenants could apply to courts to fix a temporary rent in between lease expiration and agreeing a new one.

Half of Britain's small business es are paid by customers later than the agreed credit period, according to research from Midland Bank More than half the small firms suffering in this way said late payment problems had worsened

over the past six months.

Midland organised a survey of 1.000 small business heads during August and September and found that of those giving credit, 39 per cent had been forced to write off bad debts in the previous six months. The carousel of late payment was apparent as 46 per cent of those in the survey admitted that they paid their own suppliers late. About 42 per cent of them had seen sales declines over the previous 12

 A business tax planning booklet, especially handy for those making up accounts to the year-end, is just out from Pannell Kerr Forster, the accountant. It covers not only post-Budget changes but also those arising from other factors, such as count dericions and Parenty policy. court decisions and Revenue policy alterations. Copies are £2 from Marketing, Pannell Kerr Forster, New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London ECIN SJA.

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On stage in Berlin: a powerful new play protests at the rise

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Kenneth MacMillan's last dances will be at the heart of the National Theatre's new Carousel



# Visions of heightened intensity

GALLERIES: Richard Cork on the

Cornish painter Peter Lanyon, who fused the adventurous spirit of modernism

with a deep love of his native landscape

hen Peter Lanyon died after a gliding accident in August 1964, British art lost one of its most adventurous modern painters. He was only 46, and had won mounting respect for his headlong attempts to develop an all-embracing response to the Cornish landscape. Based in his native St Ives, but fully aware of the revolutionary initiatives galvanising American art, he was the least provincial of painters. But just as Constable returned again and again to the countryside of his childhood, so Lanyon remained wedded to the rocky, wind-buffeted and wave-pummelled peninsula he

Now that the Tate Gallery is only months away from opening a custom-built gallery in St less, the art produced there during and after the second world war has become more firmly embedded in history than ever. Even so, the bracing survey of Lanyon's work at the Camden Arts Centre proves that we Camden Aris Centre proves that we still have much to learn about one of the town's most distinguished painters. By juxtaposing some of the construction by a metal strip of the town's most distinguished

his linest canvases with the far less femiliar three-dimensional con-structions he made throughout makes us aware of the his career, the exhibition provokes landscape as a new reading of an artist too often taken for granted. a living force'

blame for our fallure, until now, to study the constructions with the attentiveness his
pointings have received. "These Crowned by a teetering clock-tower objects are essentially throwaway things", he insisted in 1962, "and could be compared to scaffolding. They should not be confused with

complete and determined works." So was the South Bank Centre, which organised this touring show, ill-advised to exhume the constructions? After all, they look small and diffident compared with the grand-scale, swashbuckling impact of the paintings hung near by. Often held together with Bostick, these fragile clusters of wood, stone, iron, plastic, macaning and class look as if they masonite and glass look as if they

might disintegrate at a touch. Against all the odds, though, they hold their own. Sometimes, indeed, they have a freedom and conciseness which makes the weakest paintings look overworked or blustery. Always an uneven manipula-tor of pigment, Lanyon had originally wanted to be a sculptor. And he brought to these constructions an instinctive grasp of threedimensional form. It is significant that the artist who impressed him most forcibly when young was a sculptor. Having arrived in St Ives in September 1939 to escape the threatened bombing of London, Naum Gabo showed Lanyon his exquisite Perspex constructions. The 21-year-old never forgot the experience, declaring later that "I don't think I had ever seen an object which was so obviously right in every way, and full of poetry.

For a while, the constructions he made were heavily indebted to the older sculptor. But by the late 1940s, Lanyon realised that Gabo's

influence was paralysing. Returning to Cornwall after five years in the RAF renewed his enthusiasm for the landscape around him. He decided that Gabo's idealised and geometric abstraction was too cut off from the observable world, which nourished his own work at every turn. The poised perfection favoured by Gabo now had to be replaced, in Larryon's view, by a rougher and more urgent ap-proach. And when the Arts Council commissioned him to produce a monumental painting for its Festival of Britain exhibition, he found that constructions played an indispensable part in the protracted evolution of the final picture,

From the balf-dozen objects he made while planning the painting. Porthleven Boats has been selected. Made out of wood and sheet metal. which Lanyon then painted, it looks surprisingly simple and lyri-cal compared with the labyrinthine complexity of the picture. The

almost as thin as 'Lanyon's work rigging. The result is alert, tense and charged with movement. Its lean agility must prevent Lanyon from dogging the picture with an excess of substance. For Porthleven is one of his

defined in outlines alone, the entire structure shows how avidly Lanyon wanted to grasp the totality of a

Not for him the ordered, hardedge flatness of the abstraction practised by many of his contemporaries. He makes us aware of sculptural volume in Porthleven, and above all of the landscape as a living force. Figures can even be detected here, just as a colossal head may well dominate the central area of another ambitious painting called Bojewyan Farms.

The ease with which Lanyon builds up these deceptively modest objects shows how instinctive a sculptor he was. They played an increasingly vital role in his energetic attempt to convey a multi-faceted view of the landscape. inspired partly by Cubism but relying on a sensuous boldness of gesture more akin to the Abstract Expressionists in New York. The freedom of Lanyon's mark-making is especially clear in Construction for St Just, where the sheets of glass balanced so precariously against each other are spattered and smeared with black pigment. Redolent of coal-dust, they distil Lanyon's response to the sooty mine-shafts of St Just. In the painting, one of these shafts runs like a spine up the middle of the elongated space, culminating in two arms reminiscent of a crucifixion. But the construction seems less tragic in mood, suggesting that Lanyon rejoiced in the lightness

and transparency of the glass

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Painting and construction are combined in Glide Path, 1964, where "plastic lines track a straight course above a landscape almost suffused with scarlet exuberance". Lanyon's passion for "high places and for edges" led to his death in a gliding accident in 1964

fragments even as he stressed their vulnerability. Conscious of the fact that 31 men had been killed in a St Just mine in 1919, he doubtless felt that the frailty of this construction was appropriate to the place it memorialised.

By the time Lanyon produced his construction for a painting called Lost Mine in 1959, the sense of brooding tragedy had given way to dizzy excitement. The glass cluster is enlivened, now, by a slash of scarlet paint, so often used in Lanyon's later pictures to convey the adrenalin-inducing perils of gliding. Having taken to the air for the first time in the turn be incired. the first time in that year, he joined the Cornish Gliding Chub during the summer. And the loose, swirling brushwork in the Lost Mine painting already evokes, with great

vividness, a landscape glimpsed fitfully through clouds.

Seeing Cornwall from the sky immeasurably extended Lanyon's grasp of the country. If references to wings may have affected the princi-pal form in Construction for Lost Mine, they certainly play a part in subsequent objects like Look Down and Blue Glass Airscape. Together with paintings such as Souring Flight, where a dramatic diagonal veil of pale blue paint is partially swept aside to disclose land and sea far below, they transmit the exhilaration of airborne vistas with freshness and immediacy. Not since Wadsworth painted a Vorticist picture called A Short Flight in 1914 had a British artist summarised the aerial vision of the

But the revelation of gliding had a darker, risk-taking side as well. "My preference is for the lonely places where physical danger and challenge are met". Lanyon wrote in 1962, describing his passion "for high places and for edges." They may have encouraged him to fuse painting and construction in a work such as Glide Path, where plastic lines track a straight course above a landscape almost suffused with scarlet exuberance. But this heady delight also led to his death. and hindsight prompts me to see in that same scarlet a prophetic, bloody emblem of how Lanyon sacrificed his own life on the body of the country he loved.

● Peter Langon continues at the Canden Arts Centre (071-435 2643) until December 20

THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale has a terrifyingly good time

Bent on wiping out the child population: Dorothy Ann Gould leads the witches in David Wood's adaptation of Roald Dahl

#### Perfect for little horrors

s it all the horrors on television. or regular visits to the London Dungeon, or the evolutionary effects of the Thatcher era? Whatever the reason, children certainly seem to have tougher imaginative hides these days. The Witches would have terrified me when I was seven or eight, and I suspect it would have disconcerted my own progeny, one of whom I had to take out of The Sooty Show when a black-hatted crone began to harass the glove-puppet from her broomstick. But the tots around me at the Duke of York's sat through much more plausible terrors with the imperturbability of tricoteuses at the guillotine.

David Wood's adaptation of Roald Dahl's variation on the Hansel and Gretel myth begins robustly, with the boy-hero's par-ents being killed in a noisy offstage car-crash. It continues with his cigar-smoking grandmother telling him tall tales of witches. They wear gloves to conceal their claws and wigs to hide their bald, scratched heads. Their saliva is blue. They make a profession of squashing and squelching children.

The Witches Duke of York

which the boy (Karen Briffett) and his granny (Janet Whiteside) are taking a holiday. Who are all those gloved, bewigged ladies squawking and squeaking in the ballroom? It appears to be a competition for Edna Everage lookalikes, but it is, as it turns out, a convention of witches plotting to destroy the child population of Britain. Their leader — Dorothy Ann Gould, complete with a snarling Nazi accent, redand-black accessories and a fact like a voodoo priestess — proceeds to launch the campaign by turning our hero into a mouse.

He stays that way, too, even after he has stolen the witches' poison and fed it into their pea soup. However, he and his granny find comfort in the thought that their life-expectancy is now roughly the same and their deaths therefore should be more or less simultaneous. "It doesn't matter who you are or what you look like as long as someone loves you." he adds in Cut to the Bournemouth hotel in what is, I think, the only sententious or sentimental moment in a

refreshingly abrasive evening.
The production, also by David
Wood, has its whimsical moments: fun with a mouse's-eye-view of humans and a human's-eye-view of mice: a fat boy who gorges himself on what are now giant bananas after sprouting whiskers and a tail; some knockabout cooks substituting their spit for gravy. But that is comic relief only. For all their bright clothes and tea-party jabber, the hags themselves are sufficiently sinister, and seriously enough treated, to annoy the sort of people who regard the very word "witch" as a patriarchal slur on women. It is a politically most uncorrect play, marked by sizeism, smellism, haldism and shortism, as well as lots of sexism and witchism.

That is fine by me, as it seemed to be by the pre-pubescents in my vicinity, who took everything in their stride, even Gould's ferocious face magnified six or seven times for mouse-hunting purposes. In fact, the evening suggests that our children are a lot less wet than some of those writing for them suppose. What next, Jack the Ripper meets Cinderella? I don't see why not.

#### CHIEC'S CHOICE:

• DAVID BEGBIE: Working in wire mesh. Begbie has evolved his wire mesh. Begbie has evolved his own distinctive form of sculpture which is highly illusionist and very expressive in its ability to summon up a detailed vision of the human body even as one, quite literally, sees through it all. Of late Begbie has been associated extensively with architects, which enables him with architects, which enables him to work on a larger scale and has produced a new way of almost invisibly suspending his sculptures. Also included, prints and

monoprints on canvas.

Tower Bridge Piazza, 49 Shad
Thames, SE1. Daily 11am-5pm,
until January 2.

• EDWARD STONE: Though Edward Stone has steered clear of art techniques associated with his father, the distinguished wood-engraver Reynolds Stone, proximi-ty to such a farnous relation seems in the past to have inhibited him slightly. His latest show of paintings suggests a final breaking-free: the meticulous interiors of mostly unpeopled rooms pulse with hid-den life, the mostly French land-scapes combine topographical precision with an intensely personal response to the effects of light on

Francis Kyle Gallery, 9 Maddox St. WI (071-499 6870) Monday-Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 11am-5pm, until January 28.

 ROGER MAYNE: First famous and on occasion notorious — for his photographs of street life in London's slums during the 1950s. Mayne has continued quietly to develop and articulate his own personal vision of the world around him. For this show some previously unseen vintage prints have been unearthed from his files. What now strikes one about the early work is strikes one about the early work is that for all the documentary force of the Southam Street pictures, reality is selected and shaped with a rigorous eye for composition. The images have become not so much

period as timeless.

Zeida Cheatle Gallery, 8 Cecil
Court, WC2 (07)-836 0506) Tuesday-Saturday 10am-6pm, until January 22.

PAULA REGO: In her recent paintings and graphics Paula Rego has continued to explore the borderline between the superficial cuteness of the fairytale and the sinister vision of the world which generally lies just beneath the surface. The centrepiece of this new exhibition consists of work inspired by a commission to illustrate Peter Pan for the Folio Society. Other pictorial stories include some from Rigo's native Portugal, dredged from her unconscious on a recent

Marlborough Fine Art, 6 Albe-marle St. W1 (071-629 5161) Monday-Friday 10am-5.30pm, Saturday 10am-12.30pm, until January 30.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR



<u> FONDON</u>

THE TALES OF BEATRIX POTTER: Hunca Munca, Peter Rebott and Squirrel Nation take to the Coverti Gerden stage as Frederick Ashton's 1971 belief film is adapted for live performance. The ongral designer Christine Edzard and ungs a design at orrespine pozard and ressk-resker Rossister Doboulinsky are recreating their sets, costumes and masks for the production. The ballet is presented in a double-bit with The Dresma. Ashton's delightful distillation of Dream, Ashton's delightful distillation of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's

Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1056), tonight, tomorrow,

NASH ENSEMBLE in an inspired piece of programming the Nash present 1 Sees of concerts Commemorating great occasions in the history of London's levourite recital venue, the Wigmore Hall. The first evokes the Fauré memorial concert of June 9, 1925. Yvonne Kenny, Sarah Walker and Advish Thompson are the walker and Advish Thompson are the worst reducts in an air-Fauet programme, which includes not only songs but the two Pisno Quartets and music for volk and point Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141), Sun, 4pm.

MUNICH LECTURE: Manad Wiso hounch Lectribles Michael Wilson, head of exhibitions at the National, gives an introductory fecture on the work of Norwegian white Edward Munich (1863-1944). This will be followed by a preside view of the glow.

Sakrabury Wilso Theatre, National Gallery, Trafalger Square, WC2 (071-839-3321), Tonght, tecture: 6-30-7-15pm, exhibition 7-15-8-45pm.

☐ ANNIE GET YOUR GUN; Irving Berin's pre-feminist musical is no model for a Ninehes woman but the songs are simply tempic simply lemiic Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5967) Tues-Set, 7,30pm, mars Thurs, Set, Sun, 3pm, 160mms. ASSASSINS: Sondhem's sharp and successful musical explores the impulse that drives no hopers to kill

American Presidente. Donmer Warehouse, Earthern Street, WC2 (071-867 1150) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mets Thurs, Sat, 3pm, 105mms. ☐ HAY FEVER: Very lurry performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy. Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mate, Thurs,

SI T RUNS IN THE FAMILY: Larks in the hospital common room; Ray Cooney tarce with lots of Isughs Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401), Mon-Fri, Spm, Sat, 8.30pm, mass Thure, Spm, Set, 5.30pm. 135mm.

D Am IDEAL HUSBAND: Arms Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Marin Shaw in Wide's "Insuler dealing" melodicims. Some deted assumptions but stylistity done, Globe, Shattesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5063), Mon-Sei, 7 4 Spm, riess Thurs, 3pm, Set. 4pm, 166mms.

☐ JUNE MOON: Naive congwher conquers fin Pan Alley Delighthit comady by Ring Lardner and George II. Kaufman. Fine cast. Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 8987). Mon-8st. 7.45pm, mat 8st., 3pm. 160mins II KOSS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN. Transactions y glossy production of the families 4. Do march 14 coarsens the families 4. Assessment the relationship of the families a striking varrup. Shadbashury, Santlashury Averue, WC2 (071-379 SS99) Mon-Sat, Spm, mate Wed, Sat, Spm. 160mms

CI LOST IN YOUNGERS: Terms: performance by Rosemary Harris in a Net Samon contedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lupman greas good who are a book with ishes et a toopy surt. Strand, Alowych, WC2 (071-830 8800). Non-Set, 7.30pm, meta Wed, Set. 2.30pm 160mins.

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or Iras so into Julia (12): Whan a single parent becomes a top considering, what happens to her two needs lodge Patchy comidity with lears. Director, Nora Ephron Chelisee (071-351 3742/3743) MONI Tettenheum Court Road (071-536 6148) Serven on the Hill (071-435 3368).

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NEW RELEASES

WEEKEND EVENTS

A delly guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

THE GIANTS OF ROCK IN ROLL: This glann's Un Kollar in Mollar Those heady days of rock, 'n' roll are retived with Little Richard, Jeny Lee Lews, Bobby Vee and the Ricochettes, Duane Eddy, Lloyd Price, Chris Monez, Johnny Preston and Little Eva (of "Locomotion" Ernet. Wembley Areas, Wembley, Middlesse (081-900 1234), tomorrow, 7pm.

THE JESSES AND MAINY CHAIRS Following the success of their Americal tour, the mod-raising Reid brothers hit town for a one-off gig. Bribdon Academy, Stockwell Road, SW9 (071-328 1022), tomorrow, 7-30pm

LONNIE LISTON SMITH: Though he played with Roland Kirk and An Biskey in the Sodies and Miles Devis in the Seventies, the paintst is still best known for his explorations into fusion territory with his bend Cosmic Echoes. Camden Centre. Bidborough Street, WC1 (071-386 1394), lonight, 7.30pm. REGIONAL

BELFAST: More than any other, Capercellille from the Western Islant Scotland has breathed new life into ancient Gaetic tunes. Arts Theetire, 41 The Botanic Avenue (0232 324996), tonight, 9pm. EIRMENGHAM: Peter Wright's production of The Muteracker -

eremy Kingetor's assessment of theatre showing in London III House full, returns only Score seeks present (I Seeks at all prices

MACRETHITHE TENERT: THE SI MACCENTHITE TEST' The English Shakespeare Company comes unstuck in both these fidgety productions, though the Scottish gree, with Tony Hayparth in the lead, has more to commend it. Hoyalty, Portugal Street (off Kingaway), WC2 (077-494 5020), MacLeaft: tonight, tomorrow, 7-30pm.

Garaid Hurper and William Gaunt play come writers who fall out and pat their wicked was against each other; run-of-

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Westhouse's play about a menopeuse
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Apolito, Shaftesbury Awarue, W1 (071-694 5070). Mon-Fri, 8.15pm, Sat, 8pm
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production that some admire greatly while others leaf subordinates the text to in cleans design. National (Olivier), South Benk, SE1 (071-828 2252). Torigini, tomorow, 7,15pm, met tomorow, 2pm, 195mins. ☐ RADIO TIMES: Tony Slattery in a In the down Memory Line, set in warring Broadcasting House, burging with sprighty Noel Gey numbers.
General's, Studiesbury Avenue, W1 (071-94-5040), Mon-Fit, 7-30pm, Sat, 8pm, mets Thurs, 2-30pm, Sat, 4-30pm, 180mins.

VOICE: Alson Spectrum and Jame Horrocks in Jim Carbright's play about a Jihy giff inesping her raiscous moder. Ingenious but incredible.

finest version of Tchelkovsky's beliet to be found in Britain — returns to the Birminghem Hippadrome for a three-Hippodrome, Hurst Street (021-622 7488). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mail

OF DEUTEN STORY SERVER EDINBURGH: The Scottleh Ensemble, a respected group of 11 string players, performs Corellin Concette Groups. Op 6; "Heimann's Concette Groups. Op 6; "Heimann's Concette for Two Volfins, Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, Atterberg's State for Wolfin and Viota, Gneg's Hotberg Suite. Countr's Hall, Clerk Street (031-668 2019), Sun, 2.30pm; doors open 1pm.

LIVERPOOL: The young Japanese Concepts of the Hardesen Concepts of the Concepts of the Periodoral Carden in a programmit with Schument's Periodoral Carden in a programmit with Schument's Periodoral Carden (with Jean-Louis Steuerman) and Rachmaninov's Symphorry No. 2. Phäthammonic Hall, Hope Street (051-709 3789), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

IMOLD: Chartee Dickerns's werning against being reasty to the staff on Christmes Ever A Christmes Carol, with new music and lyrics.
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COSTORIO: Deydrerming Princese Fooling About, by the team who produced lear year's deligibits Magic Stopbook. Sepycook. Physicoses, Beaumort Street (0865 798600) Toright, 7pm; tomorrow, Mon, 2pm and 7pm; then at various times daily until Jen 23.

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and 8.45cm, 135mins.

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III STAGER: Haunting performance by Alan Bates as the washed-up artist in David Storey's elegy for lost times and places. Linday Anderson directs. National (Cottastee), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2525), Tonight, fornonow. Mon-Wed, Sprn, meta tomorrow, Wed, Alan Stories.

FIG. D: Harrier Wolter perfect again in rewall of this subtle, come state-ol-tra-nation play, so in a world of shifting values and plummating art-prices. Royal Court, Sicane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745) Mon-Set, Spr., met Sat, Avon, 19(Printer.

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Christopher Gee play al 26 parts, male and iemstell, in Siles Henergar's marverlous adeptsoon of Graham Greene's novel. Wynahamfa, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-887 1118) Mon-Fri, Sprn. Sat, 8, 15pm. mass Wed, 3pm, Set, 5pm. 140mars.

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CINEMA GUIDE

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GLERGARRY GLEN ROSS (15) Real-estate salesmen light for their lives. Enorgetic version of Devid Memer's play, though Jack Lemmon goes over the top Co-staming Al Pacino, Ed Hams, director, Jernes Foley. Octeons: Haymarket (0428 915353) Kessington (0428 914665).

 HUSBANDS AND WIVES (15):
Woody Aller's best film in years, a
lacerating tale of collepsing New York,
marriages. Stars Allen, Mia Ferrow, Judy Davis, Liem Nesson, Juliette Lewis, Davis, Liem Nesson, Juliette Lewis, Bertucian (071-635 8571) Missia Panton Street (071-930 0631) Missia (071-235 4225) Odeone: Kensingte (0428 914666) Misrzambre (0426 815683) Riemoir (071-837 8402) OF NAKE AND MEN (PG):

Construct's classic Degreesion lake of

Irlandship and Innocency, John Malkovich as the slow-wated Lennie; director Gery Strise as his protector. Simple, sturdy and moving. Curzon West End (071-489 4809)

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• PETENTS FREEDS (15) College pais meet up after a decade for a gib mixture of laughter and tears. Kenneth Branegh drects Emine Thompson, Septien Fry, Pita Rudner and himself. Berthoon (U71-535 634) 14444.

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Goldberg hides out in a convent.
Contrived but disamning, warm-hearted
comedy. Director, Errale Archino.
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German artists speak out against the new fascism

Denis Staunton reports from Berlin on the liberal playwrights and film-makers intent on protest against the rise of xenophobia

'The right wing

will remain sexy

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has any ideas'

n a rotting hotel in a small, provincial town in Germany, a. Jewish American woman witness es a murder. The victim is a Pole and the perpetrator an ugly, bloated German nationalist who proceeds to rape the woman in her hotel room, mouthing racial abuse all the while. When she reports the crimes to the police, the townspeople close ranks in opposition to someone they regard as an interfering outsider whose presence in the town can only spell trouble.

Klaus Pohl's play Die schöne Premde (The Beautiful Stranger) was first performed last year but it has been given a new and unwelcome topicality by the latest spate of attacks on foreigners living in Germany. The play opened at Berlin's Schiller Theater the

week before the firebombing of a house in Mölln which killed three people and propelled the government into taking action against extreme rightwing groups. Like the govern-

ment, the arts world has been slow to respond to the violence which, although it has been happening for more than a year, took the intellectual establishment by surprise, leaving it outraged but speechless. During the past month, Berlin's artists seem at last to have found their voice and they have been making it heard in readings, protests, concerts and discussions. The

subject of xenophobia has also begun

to appear in the work of the city's artists

and writers The protests which brought down the government in East Germany were often organised by people working in the theatre. Many of the actors and directors involved in those protests feel a special responsibility today, as Germany faces a new political crisis and Berlin's theatres have been among the first to stage events protesting

Actors at the Schiller Theater gave a reading of poems and texts about xenophobia, ending with a resume of news reports of the most recent attacks. At the Schaubühne, they read from Hans Magnus Enzensberger's essay "Die grosse Wanderung" (the great migration) which examines the recent mass migration within Europe. At the Deutsches Theater they took a different tack. An event entitled "From Voltzire to Barenboim - Art in Berlin without Foreigners?" celebrated the foreign artists who, throughout the past two centuries, have enhanced the cultural

WEDNESDAY night was allegedly

the triumphant return. James Levine had not conducted in Britain for 15

years. In that time, he and the Metropolitan Opera in New York have

become as Rolls and Royce: indissolu-bly linked, smoothly efficient, expen-

sive. What was his magic? Curiosity at

the Festival Hall ran high. And if he

wanted to show off, here was the ideal

instrument the Vienna Philharmonic,

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life of the city. Daniel Barenboim, an Israeli citizen born in Argentina, is a good example of the value of foreign artists to Berlin. He has recently taken charge of the State Opera House in the east of the city and, using his international connections and his own reputation, he has been attracting some of the world's leading opera stars to a house which had become a backwater on the European operatic scene.

Georgia Tornow, arts editor of the Berliner Zeitung, believes that the Deutsches Theater was right to emphasise the fact that foreigners constitute more than just a drain on the state's resources. She wants to see more gestures involving asylum seekers in Berlin and suggests that a Russian pianist living in an asylum hostel

should be invited to perform with the German pianist Jusrus Frantz, and that an ensemble of gypbe formed. One highly publicised attempt to

reach out to the asy-

hum seekers has Under a scheme organised by the international writers' association PEN, authors have been visiting asylum hostels every Saturday night to read from their own work. Attendances have been small, perhaps because few asvium seekers understand German. Tornow believes that actions such as these are designed to reassure those who undertake them of the purity of their own credentials, what she calls keeping the camp clean". The cultural scene in Berlin is dominated by the socalled "'63 generation", for whom the student revolts of 1968 were the defining experience. Tornow says they

the right-wingers today. We have been remarkably success ful in shaping society according to our convictions. One reason for this success was that we offered a promise of happiness. We had clear aspirations and we didn't shrink from using violence. Today's young people are longing for something new and the right wing will be sery as long as nobody else is offering any ideas or

should contemplate that experience if

they want to understand the appeal of

If intellectuals fail to understand the skinheads, it may be because they refuse to listen to them. The premiere of a film about skinheads and young cancelled at the last minute following counteracting it.



protests that there should be "no free speech for fascists". Few of the protesters had seen the film and they ignored the fact that its director, who works at the Berliner Ensemble, is left-wing, gay and the son of Jewish parents.

The film, called Stau (which can be translated as build-up, tailback or traffic jam), features a group of young people in the eastern German city of Halle, some of them skinheads, others simply right-wingers. They emerge as unhappy figures. born losers whose only comfort lies in the company of their friends, a couple of beers and occasional, fairly random violence. The appeal of right-wing politics, insofar as they understand it. rests in the status it bestows even on. these, the least exalted members of the German nation. So perhaps Germany's violent young needs nothing more than a little love and affection and the promise of a job? Berlin's Academy of Arts is staging a series of discussions with the police, teachers and parents in right-wingers, due to be screened at the an effort to trace the causes of the Berliner Ensemble last week, was violence and find the best way of

Many members of the Academy have first-hand experience as asylum seekers. Some sought refuge abroad when they fled Germany during the 1930s; others have benefited from Germany's liberal post-war asylum laws following persecution at home. An exhibition by Klaus Staeck, Germany's leading exponent of the political poster, has opened at the Academy's gallery and there are plans for a nationwide poster campaign against racial hatred. The most striking image in Klaus

Staeck's exhibition is an installation called Fortress Europe - a pile of suitcases on the edge of the blue flag of Europe with a tight ring of barbed wire suspended above the flag's 12 stars. It is a timely reminder that xenophobia is not exclusive to Germany, nor can it be defeated by Germany alone.

Perhaps the best service Germany's artists can do for their country and for Europe is to encourage us to stop blaming outsiders for our internal problems, to defy the townswoman at the end of Die schone Fremde who says "None of this trouble would have happened if the beautiful stranger hadn't come."

CONCERT: A less than triumphant return

#### Why not try taking a risk or two, Jimmy?

sponge on a candle.

Just twice, towards

the brass, a whipping up of pace, an exhortation to the violins to dig deeper. For a moment it had almost sounded like real music-making. But what had happened to the passion in the yearning third movement? That was done on auto-pilot.

Better things came later. Schoen-

VPO/Levine. tral Pieces were not exactly thrillingly in-Festival Hall

the ends of first and temperated, but with last movements, there had been signs this orchestra there is always a fascination in hearing astringent textures the brass, a whimping up of page and textures the brass, a whimping up of page and textures. tamed into uneasy beauty. So, too, with

La mer pointless to listen for the shimmering, nervous quality that infuses the best Debussy interpretations, but at least Levine caught the grander sweep of the music, and the strings (who had seemed disconcerned early on by the Festival Hall's feeble resonance)

found their most histrous form and power. By the time they swung into the predictable Strauss waltz encore (though not by the predictable Johann Strauss; this was brother Josef's delightful Delirien Waltz) everyone on the platform appeared to be alive. That was reassuring, but a bit late.

The Vienna Phil had a remarkable relationship with Leonard Bernstein. Because Levine is also American, it is inevitable that music-lovers expect his concerts with this orchestra to be a reenactment by proxy of that love affair. They should forget it. Jimmy is no Lenny, and he never will be he is comfortable, diplomatic and industrious where Bernstein was driven, difficult and intuitive. Even so, Levine should take more risks than he did here. As Miss Jean Brodie rightly said: safety does not come first.

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# THEATRE: Debra Craine on the National Theatre's dance-led production of the musical Carousel

# Taking steps to tell us a story

n 1951. Anna invited the King of Siam to polka with "Shali We Dance?" Five years later, a giddy Eliza Doolittle burst into song with "I Could Have Danced All Night". And dance they did, for those were the days of the dancing Broadway musical. Today we have Phantom of the Opera, Les Misérables and Miss Saigon - and the dancing has all but stopped.

Next week, National Theatre director Nicholas Hytner is hoping to get it moving again with his new production of Carousel the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical which has not been professionally performed in London for more than 40 years. Hytner's only previous musical is Miss Saigon, which is still running in the West End after three years. Yet in spite of its enormous success. Hytner believes the 1945 Carousel represents the "acme of modernity" compared with the musicals of 1992.

There's something terribly adventurous in a show which sometimes tells a story in song. sometimes in words, sometimes in dance," he says. "In terms of form, Carousei is far more adventurous than any of the current West End musicals where everyone sings everything and that's easily

"People nowadays don't write musicals with a dance content so there's nothing in the West End in which dance is used as narrative. There are musicals with dance routines but the idea of narrative dance, the idea that dance might carry the story forward, might add to the psychological development, is completely alien to the contemporary musical and I think sadly so."

Hymer hopes Carousel will inspire a rethink: "I would like to think there might be writers, composers, who might start to wonder - again - about the expressive power of dance and the potential of the show where dance, song and

talk carry an equal burden." His argument is considerably strengthened by his decision to turn to Sir Kenneth MacMillan, principai choreographer of the Royal Ballet, for the dance element. Mac-Millan died on October 29 during the opening night of his Mayerling revival at the Royal Opera House, but by then, he had virtually finished work on Carousel.

The practice of using ballet choreographers in musicals is noth-. ing new, from Agnes de Mille who effectively created the dancing



A scene from the National Theatre's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Carousel, the final choreographic project of the late Sir Kenneth MacMillan

musical with Oklahoma! in 1943 and choreographed the original Carousel — to Jerome Robbins (The King and I, West Side Story). MacMillan had choreographed for the theatre before — John Os-borne's The World of Paul Slickey, a flop in 1959. But what attracted

Hytner were the ballets.

"Of all the choreographers whose work I ve seen, he's always been the one who has excited me the most because his choreography seems most to do with the interaction of real people and the exploration of real emotion. And it's to do with sex, and its fantastically lyrical but also very abrasive.

"Kenneth's ballets stir up feelings and address our conscious self in a way which none of the work that happens here does. A lot of Kenneth's work strikes at the heart of our relationship with the world in a way that a spoken play never can because it operates far less rationally...Kenneth completely understood the connection between

passion and pain — that's what his

Such qualities in the choreographer made a natural pairing with the source material, Ferenc Molnar's play Lilliom, which chronicles a destructive love affair between two social misfits: a fairground barker and a local factory girl. Its musical adapters transposed the story from Molnar's Budapest to a fishing village in late 19th-century Maine, and gave it a famously optimistic ending; otherwise they remained true to the original.

"A quiet, rather strange, reserved New England girl becomes physically obsessed with a fairground lad, a bit of rough trade," Hytner says. "Neither can express their affection; they're both dark, distressed, alienated individuals who carry around huge dark areas of pain. He beats her, he attempts murder which goes wrong so he kills himself.

"When he sees his daughter about to run off with another piece

of rough trade just like him he hits her, too. It gets very disturbing. You have to ask why women stay with men who hit them and whether it's possible for a man who hits a woman to be not thoroughly bad."

acMillan explored these themes in five danced scenes, from the prologue to the large 12-minute dance sequence in the second half, using an ensemble of 24 dancers and singers, plus ballet dancers Bonnie Moore, Stanislav Tchassov and Simon Rice. Because none of the original dance arrangements are on record, says Hytner, "we've forged ahead with a rather sexier, more realistic, more painful version".

"Fifty years on you can say things that you couldn't say in 1945 because you weren't allowed. The whole production is saying things you couldn't say in 1945 because it is a musical about sexual obsession, about this terrible link between

ssion and violence. All those things can be much more honestly approached and much more earthiapproached now."

Those who know the musical only from its enduring song, "You'll Never Walk Alone", or from the 1956 film version will be surprised by Hytner's unsentimental approach. "It's a terrible film; this is not a quaint musical. The vilest thing to do to it would be to present it as a sentimental, foot-tapping Broadway show because that would be to exploit these

Carousel, which opens next Thursday, is the first fruit of the £1 million donation from the Cameron Mackintosh Foundation, given to the National to be put toward staging "classic" musicals. The second will be Sondheim's Sweeney Todd, directed by Declan Donnellan next year.

The National's track record on musicals is mixed: 1982's hugely successful Guys and Dolls was followed a year later by the disaster of Jean Seberg, then came a sevenyear gap before Sondheim's Sunday in the Park with George. But Hytner is convinced the National is

the right place to stage Carousel. "One of the reasons why it has to be done here and not in the West End is because we have the facilities and the application to make sure that musical and choreographic standards are as high as they possibly can be. If you're doling it in a big theatre in the West End you've got to make it very loud and rv vulgar."

The man who put a helicopter on the stage in Miss Saigon has had a change of heart: "I'm not really interested anymore in how exciting it is to get from one scene to the next. And I am not really interested in doing a musical again which doesn't have a large dance

 Carousel is in preview at the Lyttelto National Theatre, SEI (071-928 2252) and opens next Thursday TELEVISION

#### A sense of anticlimax

THE challenge was a mighty one make sex uninteresting. Bad writers over the centuries have proved this task difficult, but in The Truth About Sex (BBC 2), the Wellcome Trust and the BBC rose magnificently to the occasion.

They wrapped the whole subject in a white coat, armed it with a dipboard, and sent it out flying the flag of science. Short of enveloping every television set in the country in a giant condom, there could be no more certain way of taking the tit out of titillation. This was deadly serious stuff, even if the humour of the subject couldn't fail to break through from time to time.

Personally, I find it impossible to watch Masters & Johnson, Ameri-can pioneers of anatomical exactitude in matters of sex, without a chuckle. Last night they were on fine form, as Horizon prefaced its analysis of the Wellcome Trust sex survey by re-examining past efforts. Kinsey, it turns out, was an inve-terate collector. He started out by gathering thousands of gall wasps, much as others might note down train numbers. When entomology palled, he turned to art, books, photographs, and facts about sex. Had he lived longer he would have given us 13 volumes on the subject, all full of fantastic exaggerations. He relied on volunteers, and we all know what to expect from people who volunteer to tell you about their sex lives.

June Reinisch of the Kinsey Institute provided a glimpse of Kinsey's collection of erotic objets d'art. The earliest dated from 3,200 BC and showed two ancient Egyptians embracing. "Look at their faces — it's so cute," said June. Not half as cute as the all-woman team on the British sex survey as they discussed whether to use the word masturbation in their ques-tionnaire. In the end, they decided not to. "People don't like the word," said one of them redundantly.

The British survey appears to have been admirably conducted. its results should puncture some of the wilder Kinsey claims — had they been true, as Kinsey himself admitted, "85 per cent of us ought to be in jail, and the other 15 per cent are anaemic" - but watching softly spoken social researchers go about their business is hardly gripping television, especially when the commentary is spoken by Juliet Stevenson in the manner of a nurse offering a bedpan. One of the interviewers, calling at a series of random addresses, found herself in a brothel. A prostitute said she was bored with the subject and didn't want to discuss it. Other people were willing, readier to discuss their sexual affairs than they would their financial affairs.

There are still virgins at large. though not many: only one per cent of the over-45s can confess to having had no sexual partner. The most striking finding to me was that only one in 70 men admitted to having engaged in homosexual acts in the past five years, a figure that puts both Kinsey and some of the gay rights activists in context. "Facts" like these are worth gathering, even if they do no more than confirm what we might have guessed. But it's a pity that the fear of censure forced Horizon to be quite so po-faced about them.

NIGEL HAWKES

ROCK: David Sinclair enjoys watching a Rolling Stone who takes his 'solo' activities seriously



ext month it will be 30 years since the Rolling Stones first played at the Marquee. Like the group, the original venue in Wardour Street has moved on since then. It seems appropriate that Keith Richards should return to old haumts for his

British debut as a solo act. For a man who carries such a burden of legend on his shoulders, Richards looked remarkably relaxed, cheerfully sauntering on, an hour late, as if he had not a care in the world. But like so much about this extraordinarily resilient man, the casual air was deceptive, and anyone expecting a sloppy, super-star's hobby show would have been swiftly disabused of the idea. His band, the X-Pensive Winos. weighed in with a mighty thump

#### In his own time

opening bars of

Marquee Hard". Together for three albums, they have built a rapport which goes way beyond that of backing group and star. The tigg of numbers such as "Wicked As It Seems", "Big Enough" and "Will But You Won't" was set against more reflective. rapport which goes way beyond that of backing group and star. The key to their sound was the rhythm section of drummer Steve Jordan and bassist Charley Drayton, whose dynamic flair and rock solid feel provided the perfect setting for

Richards's sparse, chiming guitar Sparring with Richards in the front line were guitarist Waddy Wachtel and saxophonist Bobby

Keith Richards Stones acolyte. The push and

tive material including the Motown pastiche "Hate It When You Leave" and the gently wistful "Yap Yap". Even allowing for his rather random way with a tune, his write lacked presence on this oversion, and some of the songs ("999". "Bodytalks") came across as little more than thuggish grooves in search of a melody to mug.

the band (notably on the chorus of the "Too Rude") and from backing singers Babi Floyd and Sarah Dash, who took the lead for a moving rendition of "Time Is On My Side". Along with his keynote song, "Happy", the only other item from the Stones canon was "Gimme Shelter", delivered with a menacingly measured panache.

Fortunately there was strong vocal support, both from the rest of

Richards conveyed a sense of unalloyed pleasure in his work. Like his songs, which often seem tangled, but are actually disciplined by a strange internal logic, Richards has ordered his life in a frighteningly haphazard way. But as his lined face cracked another huge grin you felt he had still achieved the desired result.

OPERA: Hilary Finch and Rodney Milnes on two London performances

#### Commendably unextravagant

Festival Hall

AS THE drama of Fidelio is in essence inner and spiritual rather than outward and physical, it would seem the ideal opera for concert performance. The appearance of pallid, stooping figures add almost nothing to the vision of light portrayed in Beethoven's music as the prisoners emerge into the spring sunshine. Florestan and Leonore's own reconciliation and salvation is apprehended most fully through the ears rather than the

Yet an opera which, like Beethoven's Choral Symphony, often as-pires too high for mere human grasp, makes its demands felt even more ruthlessly when there is no staging to distract. This was the challenge taken on by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and Chorus under Andrew Litton.

They seemed uneasy about two things. Anxious that their audience (despite full printed dialogue and synopsis) might not grasp quite what was going on, they shot a harrage of supertitles above the stage. These regularly undercut

Beethoven's score. Less than confident, too, in Beethoven's own musical stage management, the soloists seemed uncertain about just how demi-semi-staged this Fidelio should be With the women in evening dress and the men in casual black, and with movement somewhat arbitrary and inconsistent another opportunity for purely musical

and occasion into his players.

The cast, though individually

uneven, was secure and pleasing enough in ensemble. The benevolent Alan Opie was curiously cast as the evil Don Pizarro, Matthew Best imaginatively chosen as Don Fernando. Donald McIntyre, substi-tuting for Willard White, was a pleasant surprise as Rocco; Edward Cook, making his British debut from the United States, disappointing as a dry and syllabic Florestan. His saviour, in more ways than one, was Jane Eaglen's magnificent Leonore: as true, radiant and indomitable in voice as in

Così fan tutte RCM, Britten Theatre

EVERYTHING moves in cycles. Once upon a time the Arts Council funded a body called Opera for All, which took piano-accompanied performances to schools and church halls the length and breadth of the British Isles. In 1979 it was replaced by Opera 80, which toured orchestrally accompanied performances to fewer places and fewer people. Clonter Opera Farm, the Cheshire postgraduate training establishment through whose portals many of the big names in British opera have passed, has sensed a gap and filled it with Clonter Opera for All. It has standards of the old Opera for All. This was a pity, because almost about though this did not approach a made its first London appearance

great performance, it was a consci-entiously good one. Litton tried hard to instil some sense of urgency

on Tuesday in a fund-raising gala at the Royal College of Music's Britten Theatre.

In one sense, this was international opera: the cast of Cost was made up of two Swedes, two Australians, one Pole and one Briton. I spent much of the evening pondering how the performance would go down with a young. unoperatic audience. They might have found Patrick Libby's production a little homespun, an impression strengthened by the ancient and uncredited translation. They might also have found the action difficult to follow because the score was cut to one hour and 45 minutes playing time, which had a reduc-tive effect on the progress of the

But the vocal performances reminded one that Chonter Opera Farm has a distinguished team of coaches and repetiteurs. The singing was for the most part careful shapely and considered. The voices of Susannah Glanville (Fiordifigi) and the Swedish mezzo Katarina and the Swedish mezzo Katarina Karneus (Dorabella, in periect English) blended beautifully, and both should go far. I also liked the Guglielmo of Simon Thorpe, a Guildhall School alumnus who really sings words, and integrates them into elegant musical lines.

Julian Gavin (Ferrando) and Benon Maliszewski (Alfonso) had problems with pitch that might have been less exposed with orchestral backing, and Katarina Piloni (Despina) was left with too little to do. but did it nicely. Wyn Davies was the accompanist. A worthy venture, then, but they still have some

#### voice lacked presence on this occa-

take-the-money-and-run crossover

hack, but that busy alto tone - all

primary colours and no shade -

soon grows tiresome.

hy do people bother going to David San-born's concerts? If you are a fam, I suppose it is fun to wave at him and let out a whoop or two when he unfur's those spiky blues licks. But when the backdrop is so formulaic, so stripped of spontane-ity or charisma, why go to all the bother of contending with traffic and the glowering bouncers on the

straight-ahead jazz. He never sounded quite at ease in that role, and now he and his producer door and yet another central Marcus Miller have switched back to party mode. The new release, Upfront, returns to precision-engineered funk grooves, and throws in a cover version of Ornette Cole-

Better by far to stay at home and listen to the compact discs — then at least you can hear what is going on. At the Town and Country Club the sound engineers seemed to be under the Illusion that Sanborn was playing Wembley Stadium. Grotesquely over-amplified, the music was reduced to a dreary, The last time I saw Sanborn,

London bomb alert?

Loud but not clear

JAZZ: Clive Davis goes club-hopping around London in search of fusion music

around the time of the Another Hand album, he was dabbling with a more cerebral brand of

David Sanborn Town and Country

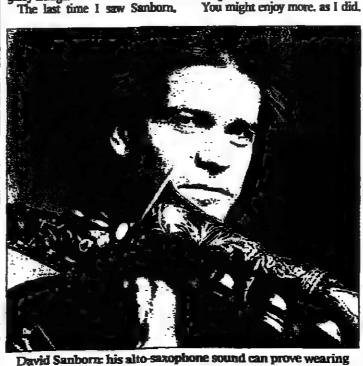
centre-stage at Ronnie Scott's this week, courtesy of Chico Freeman's band Brainstorm. Better known as a forceful post-bop saxophonist, Freeman man's "Ramblin' " for good mea-sure. Sanborn is not your average,

does not exactly over-tax himself in this setting. A reedy whisper here, a grunt there, and then it is time for an extended guitar solo from Jack Lee. The group dynamics are more subtle than those of Sanborn's band, and it was a relief to be able

the less overbear-ing form of fu-sion that takes

to hear every last detail of Norman Hedman's ample percussion kit. The energy levels may well be higher by the end of the residency. The evening was redeemed by the performance of Tina May in the interval set. Part of the new crop of British singers, May possesses a classical pedigree, an unusually varied repertoire and works with a first-rate hand featuring David first-rate band featuring David Newton on piano. Clark Tracey on drums and Dave Green on bass. Newton, in particular, is an excep-tionally sympathetic accompanist. Claire Martin, the most promising new singer of them all, takes the support slot next week, opposite the saxophonist Art Porter.

to hear every last detail of Norman





# INFOTECH

# Calling all mobiles

ttempts to convince an having a mobile telephone could be hampered by the high costs of making calls to them from standard telephones.

Both the cellular operators, Cellnet and Vodafone, have introduced schemes designed to appeal to "ordinary" customers, who can sign up for schemes where a lower monthly charge is offset by in-

creased call charges.

If, as planned, domestic rather than business users opt for these new services, people phoning them are also more likely to be nonbusiness users and hence more concerned about the cost of such calls. BT charges nearly £2 for a five-minute call to a mobile telephone during peak time and £1.50 off peak. Mecury rates are similar.

Last week Richard Goswell, managing director of Mercury Personal Communications (MPC). used a telecommunications conference in London to launch an attack on the cost of such calls.

'Call charges to mobile telephones can cost the equivalent of a peak-time call to continental

High charges for calling mobile phones may hold back plans to turn them into everyday products, reports Matthew May

of an off-peak call to the United States," he said, claiming that eight out of ten people do not realise the someone who is using a mobile. Mr Goswell quotes the case of a business woman using a mobile telephone who would ask her childminder and mother to call her

back from her home believing it to be cheaper.

"The lady was shocked to discover that it is actually more expensive for them to call her back from the home telephone than it would have

cost her to just stay on the line," he

"Unless prices are reduced, the high charges for making calls to cellular telephones from conventional household telephones could be a major stumbling block in building consumer interest in mobile communications."

Mr Goswell's comments come as mobile telephones are about to enter a fiercely competitive period.

with big rewards for the winners His particular interest is that MPC plans to launch the first "personal communications network" (PCN) next summer. Two of these new mobile networks, which use advanced digital technology, are planned for Britain — the other by Hutchison. Initially the MPC service will only cover London, but will spread to the rest of southeast England, covering a quarter of the

MPC will not discuss what it will be charging although it has hinted that it wants prices at about half what the existing operators have been charging. However, the charges for calls made between mobile and so-called fixed-line telephones have to be shared between the mobile operators and BT or Mecury - the precise split decided by negotiation. watchdog, becomes involved only if

its new network, it will also want to get agreement from BT and Mecury to reduce the amount they charge for handling the "fixed-line" part of the call it it is to be able to provide a service cheap enough to attract the millions of new users it

is eventually hoping for.
MPC and Mecury have a common shareholder in Cable & Wireless, although MPC is also halfowned by US West.

search predicts that in ten years time, six million people will be using mobile telephones - four times the number today. "By 1993/4, with up to six cellular networks competing for business, tariffs will be falling rapidly." Graham Wilde, CIT's managing director, says. Both Cellnet and Vodafone's low-call packages will make launching PCNs tough. PCN operators will have to convince consumers that their services offer more than the competition. Good marketing and shrewd tariffing will be vital to success."



Party line: mobile communications suppliers see room for expansion in the domestic market

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# Euro threat to research programmes

Computing report calls for more relevance to the market-place

Community faces a big shakeup if an unpublished report

grammes, Race and Drive, should be arred and the 6600 million Esprit programme be

er to the market-place. At present, EC-funded resupporting work only on the basic problems that need to be designed. This approach is intended to foster collaboration between European companjes as well as kecping European technology abreast of that in the United States

and Japan. At a conference in Brussels last week, the European Commission showed off some of the commercial products it says have derived help from the Esprit programme, which covers information

nology. They include Ap-Apple's Newton personal assistant — a portable electronic notebook. word proces computer, which uses the ARM chip based on work done under an Esprit progcommission off the Philips CD-i multime dia console.

open systems

Euro research success:

lithography machine for laying out the patterns on microchips at a higher density than anything the Japanese have achieved . However, the report, pre-

pared by a committee consist-

ing mainly of industrialists and headed by Wisse Dekker, the chairman of Philips. wants Esprit to get much closer to funding marketable products and to abandon the emphasis on pre-competitive Predictably, the report has been welcomed by industry,

which contributes about half the funds of Esprit and would like to see a much quicker return on its money. Many collaborators in Es-

prit programmes, especially from the academic research community, are appalled at the idea, which they see as destroying the open collabpromote.

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include Peter Kirstein, a computer science professor at projects. "They are asking for the impossible to be pre-

has strong advantages such as getting people talking to each other and knowing each other a few years ago," he says

lieves that British research will be particularly hard hit by the change, because many institutions depend on EC projects in the absence of proper government funding. Bill O'Riordan, head of

research at ICL, the Britishowned by Fujitsu of Japan. supports the changes. need to get products to the market quick-

ly and these proposals will help to do that, he says. "Some pro-jects have been a disaster simply because the Now they are being aged by peounderstand collaboration." The

the Apple Newton

larty dependent on the products produced by EC research, so the effect of redirecting the programme towards commercial exploitation may not be that large.

The report of the review board recommends that three

new programmes be set up in the new Esprit. The present Race telecommunications programme, it says, has no future and should be stopped now, while any uncompleted Drive projects

should be transferred to the new Esprit. The infighting has already started in the commission but officials are very tight-lipped. The prospects for the report's recommendations will become clearer early next year when the commission debates a new round of funding for EC

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# The digital way forward

Homes may soon have equipment now used only in offices, predicts

**Barry Fox** 

onsumer electronics, quaintly dubbed the goods trade" back in the days when gramophones and radios were a Bakelije brown, has had a happy history so far. As one boom craze has faded, there has always been another to take over.

First there was the cylinder phonograph, then the disc gramophone. Next came radio, then television, colour television and stereo hi-fi, followed by home video and computer games. Along the way there have been smaller peaks of interest and sales, including personal stereos, compact discs and

satellite television.
Sales of CD players and satellite receivers continue, but prices have been pushed too low for much profit. The only real money now being made in these fields is from the software, either music recordings or films for hire, sale or broadcast reception by subscription. This, of course, is why the Japanese electronics companies have been buying into Western software. Music and films gain value with time. Hardware quickly

becomes junk.

The hardware industry dreams of "another video" — a product like the video cassette recorder that everybody wants. The only real hope for another video is the digital VCR, which will tape the clusters of

New products

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programmes that broadcasters will transmit digitally in the gaps between existing television channels. Digital television is several years off, and most electronics companies cannot afford to wait that

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long. Every week brings news of yet copier. The price of laser computer another once successful company printers is falling and these too are hitting hard times.

In Britain even Amstrad admits the good old days have gone for ever. In Japan, Matsushita, the world's largest manufacturer of consumer electronics, reports that earnings are down. Video equipment sales have fallen 12 per cent, audio equipment 5 per cent. The only bright spot for Matsushita is a I per cent rise in sales of communication and industrial equipment, and computer hardware.





Matsushita, like most Japanese electronics companies, saw long before the recession that consumer electronics sales would slow.

Common sense tells the industry there is a limit to the number of personal stereos, loudspeakers and television sets that people will buy, whether or not they can afford them. This is why Matsushita and others diversified into business electronics and communications. electronics and communications.

The company's vision is of a home of the future containing equipment previously found only in an office. Already many homes have computers and many people

use cellular or portable telephones for pleasure as well as business. After the fax market was given a kick start by the British postal strike, many home businesses now use fax, as well as a

plain paper photomoving into the home.

As fax machines, copiers and laser printers all share the same core technology - an electrostatic drum and toner - the next and obvious logical step will be a threein-one combined device.

This may also double as a document scanner, to let homes of whe future get rid of excess paper. It would scan documents and copy them as digital code on to computer



Philips portable and control

make for a dull consumer. There will always be a market for entertainment electronics, and in a recession the world looks for a mental escape route.

The easiest sales of new items are to people whose existing equipment has grown old or obsolete, or gone wrong. Doubtless, this is the hidden agenda behind the difficulty of getting foultry against the control of the control o getting faulty equipment repaired.
All the shop has to do is try to
persuade the customer wanting a replacement into a higher price bracket, replacing a music centre. for instance, with a high-quality hi-fi, or showing the benefits of Nicarn digital stereo sound in a new television set.

No industry can survive on a has to be new business. This is why Mini Disc. The supreme irony is nobody dares advertise.

electronics companies the world over are continually dreaming up new products with which they hope to capture the public's imagination. There is an obvious market opportunity for a new home sound

recording system. The ten year history of CDs has whetted the public appetite for the sound quality and convenience it offers. Although most homes already have several analogue cassette re-corders, the idea of a digital alternative thus has some immediare appeal. This appeal is lessened. perhaps to the point of insignifi-

cance, by the suicidal decision of Philips and Sony to compete with different and wholly incompatible sys-tems. Phillips offers the new Digital Compact Cassette and is backed by Mats-ushita, while Sony offers Mini Disc.

This is exactly what these com-panies vowed never to do again after they had crippled themselves and each other with a fight to the death involving the VHS. Beta and V2000 home video formats.

Public relations talk by both companies about them being no

companies about there being no standards battle rings hollow. The record companies, the other hard-ware manufacturers, and the press, trade and public are so confused and wary that they will wait to see which system wins.

This may kill both

that, because Philips, Matsushita and Sony have hedged their hard-ware bets with heavy investment in

the software companies Polygram.

MCA. Columbia and CBS, none

can publicise the one, truly unique

selling point that their systems have in common. This is the glorious ease of making digital copies from CD to DCC tape or Mini Disc. With existing analogue hi-fi tape recorders, the user must set level controls and watch meters and dials to avoid overload of the tape and sound distortion. With digital dubbing, it is as easy to make a perfect copy of a compact disc as it is

to copy a computer disc. There are no Makers have level controls, me-ters or dials. The a selling point copy protection sys-tem built into DCC but cannot and Mini Disc will affect only pirates publicise it who want to mass-

produce copies. But if Philips, Mats-ushits or Sony publicised this unique selling point, it would immediately fall foul of its subsidiaries, and the rest of the software industry. These manufacturers can only hope that the press and trade will publicise and explain the value of this unmentionable feature of

digital recording.
So, for the first time in the history of consumer electronics, and in the depths of a recession, the success or failure of a new product, and with it the financial fortunes of its backers,

## **Another format** battle looms

Observers say the market cannot take two new systems due out at Christmas

usic buyers will find two new audio formats at the record stores this Christmas - Sony's Mini Disc and Philips's Digital Compact Cassette (DCC). Both play and record high-quality digital sound and both are intended to replace the conventional compact cassette.

However, most observers believe the audio market is too small for the two to coexist. The resulting format battle is being fought on two fronts — portabil-ity and the availability of prerecorded music.

Philips says the portable mar-ket is tape-based, and for this reason it has co-developed DCC with the Japanese electronics group Matsushita, which owns Panasonic and Technics.

DCC records and plays back CD-quality sound on a cassette and offers several convenience features, such as a track search system and auto-reverse. But prices are not cheap. The first DCC deck is a home-based unit

costing £500. It includes a disartist and track information. A
pre-recorded
DCC costs the
same as a CD
and a blank DCC costs about £5. Philips says

its strongest feature is its backwards compatibility, which means that existing cassettes can be played on the new machines. DCC tapes, however, will not play on ordinary cassette decks.

Sony's Mini Disc stores more than an hour of near CD-quality sound on a 2-in disc kept in a protective jacket. Some machines can also record and all include a "jog proof" system to enable the music to play normal-ly if the machine is jolted.

In Britain, Sony is selling three Mini Disc machines, including a playback-only unit costing £400 and a model that will record at £500. Blank Mini Dises, which can be used and reused like audio tape, will cost a befty £9 each. The price of prerecorded Mini Discs, like DCCs. will match that of compact discs.

For all their impressive technology, Philips and Sony both know the support of the music

Some electronics groups have bought record companies to ensure a supply of music titles for their new audio formats. Philips owns Polygram, Mats-ushita owns MCA Records and Sony has bought CBS Records, now called Sony Music.

Not surprisingly, they are using their record companies to boister their own format. The result is that Polygram and MCA support DCC, but neither is producing Mini Disc titles. Sony Music backs Mini Disc, but not DCC. This means DCC buyers will not find the Sony recording artist Michael Jackson on the new digital tapes, and Mini Disc owners will not find Polygram's Dire Straits on their new format. The new digital formats have also upset some recording artists because they are being asked to accept reduced royalties to cover the companies' costs in developing the formats. A copyright tribunal is considering the issue.

their music not to be released on Mini Disc or

Some artists DCC. have asked not Philips has so far been the to be on Mini most successful in gaining the music industry's Disc or DCC

support, and DCC supporters include Polygram, MCA, BMG International and Warner Music. About 350 DCC titles have been issued and a further 700 are expected to be released

by Christmas. By comparison, most of Sony's Mini Disc titles are from its own record label and several smaller companies. Sony is promising about 250 Mini Disc titles by the end of the year and expects this number to rise to 1,500 by Christmas 1993.

The uncertainty over the success of the new formats has led companies such as EMI to hedge their bets and support both DCC and Mini Disc.

Peter Dodd, the editor of the music trade journal RPM Weekby says: "The music industry is notoriously fickle. If a format starts moving ahead, record companies will soon switch their allegiance — and that goes for Polygram and Sony."

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## Interactive compact discs can offer a great deal more than music when linked to a television or computer, Kim Wilson reports

This Christmas, go a bit wild. Why not spend the evening at a Las Vegas casino rather than playing a game of Scrabble? Or give the children a treat — a real battleship to play battleships with? Or even commit a treasonable act against a much-loved member of the royal

You can now do all of these things without moving out of reach of the sherry bottle, thanks to a home entertainment system based

on a new kind of compact disc.

An "interactive compact disc" system can show pictures, text or animations on your television set and even play full-scale arcade

The technology has been used in the computer industry for several years, but it has only recently begun to appear in the home. Christmas will be the first time that interactive compact disc has been widely available.

From the start it has been recognised that compact discs can do more than simply provide high-quality sound. After all, a compact disc is simply a recording medium, and just as a magnetic tape can be used to record sound, video or even computer programs, so can a compact disc. So if the compact disc player has a built-in computer, the user can take control and brown at will through the information stored on the disc.

The players look exactly like a conventional audio compact disc player but they have to be connected to a television as well as a hi-fi system. Using them requires no more technical expertise than using a conventional audio system simply drop in the disc and press the play button. The user can then Audio browse through the disc or play games using a remote control.

These systems are aimed at the education and leisure markets. Educational titles already available for both children and adults in-









# Talk back to your television

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nd art galleries.

Entertainment discs range from

of popular avcade-type games. But
CDTV, costing \$400, is a one-off

shoot-'em-up games to chess One of the most popular is a golf simulation that lets the user take part in the Palm Springs Open. compact discs will never be the same again

now that the music can be accompanied by on-screen pictures and

The first system to appear in

the popular Amiga games computer and as a result has a good range stem that has failed to make a Music can be major impact on

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the market. By contrast the rival CD-i system - for CD-interactive — is supported by Philips and many of the bestknown Japanese

home electronics companies and is likely to be accepted as a world standard.

At the moment the only problem is the high price, although this is

dore CDTV. This is based around the nonular Amiga games comput-next two or three years. The only CD-i player in British shops this Christmas is a £500 model from Philips, but next year there will be models from Sony, Panasonic, Technics and others. Discs cost from £15 to £40.

> hile all interactive sys-tems can play ordi-nary audio compact discs, the CD-i system will also play the new Photo CD discs which can store boliday snapshots. With Photo CD. described as an electronic photo album, a high-street developer can transfer photographs from nega-tives on to a disc that can be viewed

CD-l and Photo CD come together in a recently released title that was created in partnership with Spitting Image. Create Your Own Caricature is a program that

enables the user to commit the A disc can most grotesque form of lese-majesté imaginable by distorting images to create electronic lampoons. The disc includes photographs of the rich and fam-

squeeze Edwina Currie's head or Bill Clinton's face into unlikely

Using pictures from a Photo CD disc, it is even possible to make your mother-in-law look like Les Dawson (if she does not already).
Owners of home computers face

dilemma

because it is possible to add a compact disc contain the player to most makes of comput-er for less than the complete works of Shakespeare

ous so it is possible to give the Princess of Wales a bulbous nose or does have several important advantages. Like CD-i, it can play ordinary audio discs as well as those containing computer pro-

grams. A wide range of interactive discs is already available.

Some systems, notably the new Apple Macintosh business computers which have a compact disc player built-in, can also play Photo CD discs. Because it is integrated with a personal computer, such a system can offer facilities that are not available on CD-i. For example, a computer compact disc can contain the complete works of Shakespeare or vast databases of business or scientific information.

This information is at your fingertips while you work. Computer-based compact discs - known as CD-Roms - can be added to any PC-compatible that can run the latest Windows software or to any model of Apple Macintosh. Entertainment and games discs are the PC's strong point while education is the Mac's.

few of the CD-i titles are also available on CD-Rom discs, but in the main the two types of system are intended for fundamentally different markets. It is worth remembering that it is CD-Rom systems that are being installed in most British schools.

Despite what appears at first to be a confusion of standards in the interactive compact disc world, the potential buyer's task seems easy, CD-i is undoubtedly the main stream home entertainment and education system. If you are thinking of buying either a conventional audio CD player or a Photo CD player, CD-i may be a possible alternative for a few hundred pounds more.

CDTV will appeal to games enthusiasts and users of Amiga computers but otherwise has relatively little to offer. Home computer owners might prefer to consider adding a CD-Rom player to their system, particularly if they have a child of school age or if they would like to make use of specialised

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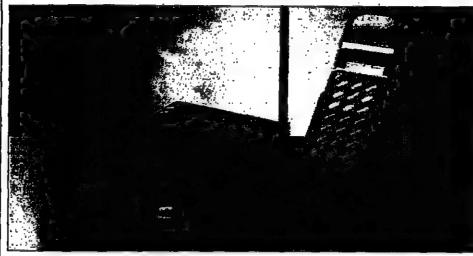


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# How well will Rabbit run?



Home and away: the Rabbit telephone can be used in the house or on the move

Tearly two million households now use cordiess telephones in addition to the standard type attached to a fixed line. With prices from £80, such telephones have become porular domestic items. Unlike fully mobile telephones, however, they can be used only within about 100 yards of the base station in the house.

The choice between cordless telephones and fully mobile ones has recently been widened by the arrival of a new telephone and service called Rabbit. This works as a cordless telephone at home but can also be used as a limited mobile telephone that can make calls from near any available Rabbit base station.

Rabbit is a telepoint tele-phone service. Three such services were introduced two years ago, but, despite the backing of such companies as BT and Mercury Communications, they were a disaster. All closed down after attracting a total of only 10,000 with the millions pre-

This time, however, it will be different, says Peter Wright, Rabbit's managing director. "The previous operators were too early and their services were not properly developed," he says. "They were also charging too much for the telephone and base

Rabbit's advantages are that it is digital and it offers clear reception, although to some extent this depends on the quality of the line through which the call is sent. The company claims this means some people are buying it just to avoid the hiss and crackle that can dog some conven-tional cordless telephones.

One potential problem, as with the original telepoint services, is whether the company can establish sufficient base stations for customers to make calls easily when they

The Rabbit telephone costs \$200 and for this the buyer gets the telephone and base unit, which connects to a standard BT telephone sock-

A hybrid of domestic and

mobile phone is challenging

the market et. If it is used at home as a cordless telephone the cost of

the call is the same as that of an ordinary call and appears on the BT or Mercury bill. When the telephone about the size of a lightweight cellular telephone - is taken out on the streets it can be

of a base unit marked with the Rabbit logo.
Subscription to the Rabbit network is £7 a month. Calls

used for outgoing calls if the

user is within about 200 yards

Three telepoint services were introduced two years ago, but they were a disaster

within Britain cost 23.5p a minute at peak times and 11.75p per minute at cheap rate times, regardless of distance. Peak time is from 8am until 8pm during the week.

Rabbit claims ambitiously that it is laying such a high density of base stations that customers will not even have to look for the Rabbit sign because many of the areas will overlap. The user guide says that customers will be able to make calls wherever there is a Bardays Bank, a W.H. Smith or a Boots, as there will be a Rabbit point at each one.

However, possibly expecting that there will be some disappointed buyers where its network is not yet complete. Rabbit is waiving the monthly subscription charge until next

What happens if you want to receive a call on your mobile telephone while you are out and about? Technicalthis is not possible with a

Rabbit telephone. Rabbit's alternative is to

sell a small pager, at £67.50,

so that anybody wanting to contact subscribers can message them telling them to call back. A further £6.50 a month is charged for this service.

With combined charges of £13.50 a month, the Rabbit service with pager will face competition from fully mobile telephones. For domestic users both the cellular networks, Cellnet and Vodafone, have new services, whose monthly subscription charge of £17.60 is lower than for the standard service, although this saving is offset by higher call

Both services are worth considering by those wanting mobile telephony outside the home without worrying whether there is a base station near by, or wanting calls to come to them direct - or wanting both these facilties.

The catch, unlike the Rabbit service, is that these domestic cellular services are cheap only if you make few outgoing calls. The more calls you make the more the savings diminish com-pared with the standard cellular services.

A typical cellular user spends about £75 a month on rental and calls. Customers using the new domestic schemes and making few calls may be able to get away with £25 a month.

While the cellular operators now have nearly 1.5 million customers in all, the scale of operations for the Rabbit service is considerably smaller. Rabbit has attracted 3,000 subscribers so far, though the company forecasts 20,000 by the end of this year and 200,000 some time in 1994.

Carl Morris, managing di-rector of consultancy CMA, says the Rabbit service will be watched with particular interest. This is really the last chance for telepoint services. We are cautious about it and suspect that the company will be under great pressure to achieve its optimistic target."

However, Mr Morris is impressed by the relatively low prices and believes Rabbit could be attractive to Christ-

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# Staying ahead of the £1 billion game

Steve May on the relative merits of what is on offer for the video-game

enthusiast

t Christmas thousands of children will be asking not whether there is a Santa Claus, but how many points he is worth.

This is the result of a videogaming craze sweeping the nation. with sales predicted to exceed £1 billion next year. Many of these joystick-wielding children are the offspring of parents who themselves were captivated by the first Atari-driven video-game wave of the early 1980s. That initial flirtation with plug-in-play electronic gaming spluttered and died when the technical limitations of the hardware stifled development.

No such brick walls exist for this second coming, as perpetrated by the Japanese groups Sega and Nintendo. One or two-megabyte cartridges, containing extremely sophisticated games, are common. provided you can afford them.

Digital stereo sound is standard and both the most important companies have multimedia aspirations. Sega will next spring launch a dedicated compact disc bolt-on for its Mega Drive games console. capable of mixing video footage with cartoon-style animation and CD-quality sound. At present, however, purchasers are faced with six competing but incompatible games systems, although the real battle is between Sega's Mega Drive and the Super Nintendo. A quick glance beneath the



Sonic boom: Sega reports 750,000 copies of its game, Sonic The Hedgehog 2, have been pre-sold

bonnet of each reveals some significant differences. The Super Nintendo has the technical edge over its Sega rival. It can control more sprites - onscreen objects at one time and paint them in more hues. It can perform very neat onscreen scaling and rotation of

Ultimately, any technical differences mean little

objects and uses a versatile sound chip, engineered by Sony, giving eight sound channels, allowing software authors to blend game soundtracks with speech, pop music, authentic-sounding explosions and sundry aural destruction.

advantage is a faster central processing unit that runs at more than twice the speed of its competitor. This ability to move objects around a screen a good deal faster partly explains the reasoning behind Sega's current media-star and cor-

porate mascot, Sonic The Hedgehog. Not only is the dude cool. He also moves too fast for the Super Nintendo to emulate. Ultimately, however, any technical differences between the two machines means little. The ingenuity of those who write the games has negated any advan-tages in paper specification. It is

the games that count, and a cursory tour of any self-respecting video games stockist will reveal Sega's market dominance. There are now more than 150 Mega Drive titles to choose from. Nintendo can offer only 30, plus titles for the Super

Any adult wanting to buy a video game console for youngsters will probably find that the owners-to-be

are very vocal in their preference. The real trick is to pick the hot hardware bundles from the duds. A Super Nintendo with a "free" Street Fighter 2 games cartridge at £160 will win more brownie points than one with Super Mario World at £130. Also worth avoiding is the £160 bundle containing the Nintendo Super Scope bazooka because the gun chomps through a six-pack of alkaline batteries in hours and is thus inordinately expensive to run. The Super Scope games are also rather dull.

A£150 Mega Drive with compli-mentary Sonic The Hedgehog the original, not the new, highly hyped sequel — and three other games is stocked by Dixons and is the best buy for Sega fanciers.

season is very much between Street Fighter 2 on the Super Nintendo. and Sonic The Hedgehog 2 for the Mega Drive. Both titles are genuine blockbusters. Nintendo claims that 250,000 Street Fighter 2 games will have been sold by Christmas - not had at £65 a time. Sega is equally bullish about Sonic 2. The company says it

will be the biggest-selling enter-tainment product of the year, with 750,000 units pre-sold to Of the two, Sonic 2 (£40) is by far the better game and it is beautifully animated, enormously entertaining to play and will appeal to a wide audience. By way of comparison. Street Fighter 2 is one-dimensional and unlikely to appeal to anybody other than

macho types. Adults looking for additional solid-gold games to deposit in the

Fighting its corner: Nintendo's Street Fighter 2 is expected to sell 250,000 units by Christmas little ones' stockings would do well to consider the following hot titles: • F-Zero, for the Super Nintendo. £40. A visually stunning sci-fi road race game that is easy to play. ● Super R-Type, for the Super Nintendo, £40. Space-bound shoot-

em-ups are ten a penny on every

The real trick is to pick the hot hardware bundles from the duds

video games system, but this is the real deal. The aliens are vicious, the action perfectly paced and the sound and vision top notch. Parents will be playing this long after the children have gone to bed. Super Adventure Island, for the Super Nintendo, £45. Huge cartoon characters and an infectious soundtrack characterise this entertaining levels-and-ladders arcade romp. Tougher players will doubt-

less go for it in a big way.

The Addams Family, for the Super Nintendo. £45. Rather more

challenging than Super Adventure Island, this solve-the-puzzles and complete the levels spin-off of the film benefits from wonderfully realised characters, a great score and a huge playing area. Good value. • Crue Ball Heavy Metal Pin-

ball, for the Mega Drive, £35. This thunderous, multi-screen offering is likely to satiate even hardened pinball wizards. Balls bang and datter across the screen, all to a backdrop of Motley Crue rock tunes. Irresistible,

 Ayrton Senna's Super Monaco GR 2, for the Mega Drive, £40. The best road-racing game.

## Hollywood in the reach of every home

camera and recorder, or camcorder, has been the saviour of the electronics

While sales of colour telerecorders have declined in recent years, camcorder sales have boomed as they have moved from being a hobbyist's plaything into a main-

Seventy per cent of camcorder owners now use their machines for family events, such as children's birthday parties and family gatherings, according to a survey by MEUK Research. About 7 per cent of British households now own a camcorder.

The camcorder's growing popularity has been largely the result of big reductions in both price and weight. During the past 12 months, the average price of a camcorder has dropped from about £700

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to £600 and industry experts expect it to fail even further. Camcorders come in three sizes — full-size models, compact machines and supercompacts or palmcorders. Full-size machines use the same video cassettes as VHS

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their convenience - users can camcorder and pop it straight into their home recorder sales of full-size machines have declined and account for only 5 per cent of the market.

JVC, inventor of VHS, developed the VHS-C (for compact) format, which uses tapes the size of a cigarette packet. VHS-C tapes siot into an adaptor and can be played in normal VHS recorders.

The tapes for another format, Video 8, are the same size as audio cassettes. Although Video 8 is incompatible with VHS, it has become the most popular camcorder format. For playback, users have to link their camcorder to a television, or copy record-

ings on to VHS tape. Most consumers prefer compact camcorders because they can be carried around in a case or bag. For this reason. many VHS-C and Video 8 companies also market supercompact models, palm-sized units that weigh less than a

bag of sugar. Most budget-priced camcorders are designed for point-and-shoot recording. with the camcorder automatically controlling the focus. exposure and colour balance. This group accounts for more than 60 per cent of the

market. Fierce competition has resuited in camcorders becoming festooned with features. The ability to add captions to pictures. remote-control handsets and a selection of electronic shutter speeds are almost standard features.

Although super compact camcorders are easy to carry around, they can suffer from one big problem - camera shake. Panasonic and Mitsubishi market camcorders that electronically reduce shake, although these systems can also reduce picture quality a little. Sony and Canon have developed an optical antishake system, known as Steady Shot, which gives bet-

ter picture quality.

A number of camcorders cater for the more creative and affluent user. Some of these use improved picture systems known as Super VHS and Hi-8. These formats offer crystal-clear pictures whose quality far outstrips that of most television sets. However. sales have been slow in Europe, mainly because they usually cost more than £1.000.

Canon, for example, sells an E1,800 camcorder that uses interchangeable lenses like a 35mm camera, while many top-end models have facilities normally found on professional models, such as sophisticated editing features.

Video companies are also developing improved camcorder batteries. Sony recently launched a camcorder that uses a lithium battery the size of a matchbox but lasts longer than a conventional battery.

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# This little

Most people seem to know how convenient and compact mobile phones are these days. What they don't know is just how little they can cost.

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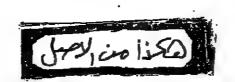
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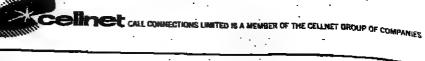
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## Jane Bird describes the technology that will make life easier for people and organisations

ecluses beware — in years to come it will be increasingly hard to get away from it all. Global networks will track our every move by monitoring our pocket telephones. Ar registering a plastic "smart card" That we have swiped through the nearest computer. They will also know an immense amount about us, storing our medical histories, employment records and personal work files somewhere in a labyrinthine electronic brain.

Despite the Big Brother over · life easier for individuals and their documents be lost or people be unavailable on the telephone. Any computer you switch on will immediately appear to be your own. Your electronic mail and personal files will be accessible on its screen.

Moreover, the ability to send millions of pieces of digital infor-mation down telephone lines will create exciting possibilities in the transmission of computer graphics and video images. Forget teleconferencing and picture telephones, says Martin Coggin, the business manager at PA, the information technology consultancy. By donning a virtual reality helmet you will be able to hold a meeting with somebody on the other side of the world who will look as lifelike as if he were in the same room," Mr Coggin says.

The old-style monolithic main-frame is gradually being ousted by a model known as "client server". This consists of desktop personal area networks and able to access shared information via "file-servers". Any mainframes left are merely boxes on the network that perform number-crunching tasks such as payrolis.

"The days of mainframe supremacy are numbered," Mr Coggin says. "As the old centralised structure goes, individuals gain access to more information and companies become less hierarchical. Staff at the sharp end are already having much more say in what happens, with senior management performing more of a service role."

Local area networks are among the fastest-growing areas of the computer market. However, they are restricted to one location, and can encompass only about 150 personal computers. The problem comes when separate local area networks on the same site want to talk to each other, or to similar networks hundreds of miles away.

Enter the wide area network, which can span the globe. Some of the larger multinational corporations now have up to 50,000 personal computer users linked electronically. These types of network traditionally use leased public lines to create their own "private" networks but this is a costly arrangement because many lines



Monitoring the business: BI's networking centre, where up to 30 managers look out for problems, using an 80-ft video wall

# You're never alone with a network

may be needed to cover peak periods, even though much of the time they might be unused.

"The problem relates to the socalled 'burstiness' of data," Mr Coggin says. "In practice, few organisations have continuous heavy throughput. They tend to send data in bursts with intervals between while they wait for a response. Private networks require the link to be paid for as if it were being used all the time."

ne cheaper alternative is the "virtual private network", which appears exclusive to its users but is run on public telephone lines. Every call is routed by intelligent software, enabling several subscribers to share the same lines. Another way to cut costs is to try to fit more data into the available space, rather like finding a way to send more traffic down a country lane instead

This is the approach being taken by Ken Clark, the telecommunicawhich has a global network for its 14,000 employees for voice, data, text and image. Mr Clark says:
The line capacity of our global
links are not ploneering, but we are
very sophisticated in maximising the amount of information we can put down the line."

New technology is also coming to the rescue by providing ways to combine the transmission of voice and data, at present treated sepa-rately. The problem is that voice and video communications must be virtually instantaneous. Even a small time delay is unacceptable, creating the familiar echo of some satellite telephone conversations or jerky images on picture telephones. A computer, however, is happy to an and wait for a few seconds for the

For customers, the difficulty is choosing which technology to buy. tive equipment will be compatible with future developments in telecommunications? Hence the growing popularity of outsourcing -subcontracting the provision of telecommunications services to an

outside company.

"Apart from avoiding major capital expenditure, you also save on space," says Mr Clark, who has several rooms filled with a vast array of electronic boxes needed to run Mitsubishi's network.

s the networks grow, their sheer size makes them difficult to maintain and control. As a solution, the networks are learning to spot potential problems and fix them, often without the human operators knowing anything has happened.
To fulfil their potential, the

networks do not just need to be easy to manage. Their operation has to call. Anybody who has tried using a modern to send or receive computer data down a telephone line knows it can be far harder than that.

Mr Coggin says: "In the mid 1980s, transferring a ten-page document took about 35 seconds. By the late 1980s it was down to six seconds. Now it takes milliseconds. The fact that computers are so complicated means many people still use a fax machine, even though it can take 20 minutes."

Designers are therefore introducing user-friendly features such as on-screen icons and the mouse pointing device. The real breakthrough will come with speech recognition systems, which are expected to understand 20,000 words by the end of the decade.

Then you should be able to tell your computer: "Send those pictures to Fred in San Francisco" or "Get me a video link with the project team in Rio". No sooner said than done.

## Getting together for mutual benefit

ing it much simpler for people to connect their computers. When cabled together in a network, they can share information as well as computer add-ons such as printers. The business of connecting computers with a network, however, can be complex.

xpensive and instrating. During the past six months, increasing numbers of computer makers have started to sell personal computers that come standard with all the cabling needed to connect with one another. Software companies are also starting to offer relatively

cheap alternatives to the complex "network operating systems" that have often been required to achieve these connections. Recently the software com-pany Microsoft amounced a specially designed version of its popular Windows program that

includes the basic software needed to allow linked personal computers to share one another's information and resources. The

program, costing £150, is called The idea is not Workgroups, new — Apple pany promises that most users adopted it for that most users should be able to PCs in 1984 set it up in an

The program includes the ability to put speech, pictures, photographs and other objects inside any electronic mail message and a scheduling program so that the members of the work group can share calendars and schedule meetings. Because of the success of the

original Windows package, this new program already has a huge base of support from other software companies that are developing other applications to

These include a graphics program that supports the simultaneous creation and editing of diagrams and charts by several members of a team. Microsoft is not the only

company damouring to meet what the computer industry seems to think is a growing demand for products of this

For some time the network supplier Novell has offered what it calls Netware Lite, which is a cut-down and cheaper version of its full-blown network operating system software. Meanwhile. Artisoft has made big inroads

Tew personal computer into this market with a hardware and software networking product called technologies are mak-

Software and hardware manufacturers will tell you that their work is driven by a huge and growing customer demand for network products.

It is no coincidence, however that such products will help to make a great deal more money for the embattled personal computer industry. The theory is that if people

start networking their computers together, they will want electronic mail systems to send messages around the network and new network-aware" versions of their software to take advantage of networking capabilities. Network systems also offer another way for software manufacturers to go into battle against

software piracy When all the personal computers in a company are on a network - and using networked versions of a particular company's software - the network can be used to keep a constant check on the serial numbers of the

software that is number in use at then one could be instantly shut off or at least an appropriately warning

could be issued to the users concerned on their screens. The idea of network-ready personal computers is not a new one. Apple Computer has pro-duced Macintosh machines with built-in networking facilities since 1984 and has spawned much of the innovation in the personal computer networking marker as a result. Because software developers in

the Macintosh market could be sure that all Macintosh users already had at least a basic builtin capability to link their machines together, they could confidently build networking support into their products and be sure there was a market for it. By turning full-motion video into just another piece of digital data, the promise is that we will soon be able to see anybody from office colleagues next door to the other side of the globe on the screens of our personal comput-

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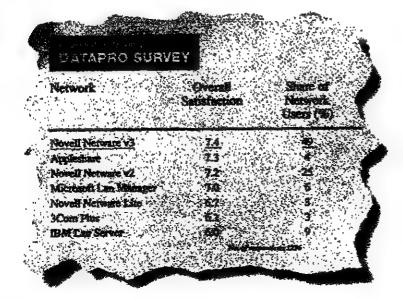
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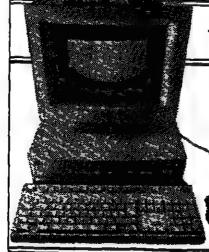
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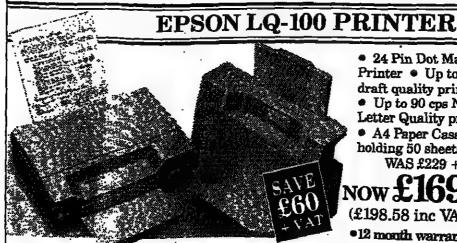
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# Serving the client with the facts on tap

ne piece of jargon com-monly heard in the world of computers today is "client-server" systems. This is essentially a straightforward idea whereby large computers are replaced by groups of desktop computers and "servers" powerful but much smaller centralised machines that supply certain services, information and software to their "clients" using a

"Data within a company is like water," says Patric Chang, a senior consultant at KPMG Management Consulting, "The secret of a successful dient-server project is to set up channels to get the water to the right people at the right

However, there are dangers. Unlike conventional computer systems, the client-server equivalent tends to be a much more technically complex beast. And as with every other computer system, the approach must be business-driven for it to work efficiently. Information technology departments have to become more responsive to the requirements of the business by properly managing new software development and deliverClient-server technology can give business a vital edge in today's tough trading

environment, Clive Couldwell reports

ing applications more quickly. This is where groupware comes in — the name being given to a new breed of software program. It is based on the principle that the structure of work is really done on a network of subtle and informal

relationships, not in formal chan-

nels or hierarchies.
Groupware is being promoted as the glue that holds client-server computing together and allows people, no matter where they are or what they are doing, to create, organise, access and share information - such as text, spreadsheets, graphics and scanned images - to achieve the best business results, all

using personal computers.

Arco British, the subsidiary of a Texas-based oil company, uses a Lotus Notes groupware program running on a number of Compaq servers, which shuffle vital information from one site to another. "We see this as a crucial business

tion," says Ron Vaz, systems consul-tant for Arco. "If there is a disaster, we have to provide information from a long way back to support decision-making."

Therein lies the rub. Client-server computing is about making data accessible. One of the greatest worries for anybody moving to client-server is how to move data as smoothly as possible from one configuration to another.

There are tools available that help," Mr Chang says. "But it is important to have people working on the project who have experience of getting it right."
"This type of computing does

open up a range of opportunities that conventional applications do not. However, it is no different from any other development just make sure the business case is sound, says Mike Beral, the product marketing manager at LBMS, a software company that specialises in client-server projects.

"Client-server computing has come a long way since it was first thought of a few years ago," says George Colony, the president of Forrester Research, an American market-research company. He says it has become one of the fastestgrowing segments of the computer

"Until the past year, the lack of software tools and limited hardware offerings have kept it in the closet. Now companies have the infrastructure in place to begin adopting the technology," he says. Three developments have con-

tributed to the growth of clientserver computing: graphical software, which makes software programs easier to use; downsizing - the replacement of large computers with cheaper, smaller, equally powerful ones; and PC networks, which tie large numbers of small computers together so they can exchange information.

But is this yet another ploy by the computer suppliers to sell more machines and software? The answer is "maybe", although the benefits in places where clientserver set-ups work well can be enormous.

Many companies, for example,



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systems to tap the vast body of knowledge they have accumulated because the bulk of it is simply not readily available. Some computer systems cannot manage all this information and provide users with timely access to it at the same time.

The nature of today's trading environment demands a more sophisticated use of information. It is no longer enough to look up quickly the name, address and telephone number of a supplier or customer. To stay one step ahead of the competition, access to other

snippets of information held in a number of files is fast becoming a compulsory discipline.

Used wisely, a client-server opera-tion can change the way a company does business by providing access to these islands of information, no

## Cheaper nets, bigger catches

sonal computers have grown at such a pace that they have taken both suppliers and the traditional data-processing world by

surprise. Originally, such networks were introduced so that a group of users could share expensive, but only infrequently used, resources such as orinters.

In 1987, six years after the launch of the IBM PC, the average PC network connected between five and nine machines.

Now there are plenty of networks that the span world and connect hundreds of machines. Novell. the market leader in PC networking. estimates that nearly half its revenue and 250 users. Part of the

growth because it costs far less to house staff to oversee the install networks today than it did five years ago. Not only have hardware prices fallen, but so too have the indirect costs of networking.

For example, most companies have now organised their licensing policies to take account of the number of users on a system rather than one overall blanket licence

Price Waterhouse, the City accountancy firm, is a large user of networks. Twenty of fices in Britain are linked together using 140 file servers top-of-the-range PCs with

the speed and capacity to handle and store large amounts of data - to connect more than 4,000 PCs. "We took a decision four

years ago to replace all our word-processing technology and we had the choice of either getting everyone a PC or going to a networked system with servers and diskless PCs," says Steve Davies, the information technolsupport manager for Price Waterhouse.

Initially, the network was introduced solely for the use of the compa-

ny's 1.100 word-processing staff, but gradually has been extended from a simple device to share expensive reto sources cover other sectors such mail. For large companies Waterhouse there is the ad

vantage of having insuch networks. But PC netfor small companies as suppli-

our network in, it was a 100user licence or nothing. Now you can get a five-user li-cence," he says. The falling price of PCs has helped. "Less than a year ago

ers make smaller versions, Mr Davies says. "When we put

we were paying £1,000 for a Taiwanese clone machine. Today we can get a 486 machine for the price," he says.

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the need for networks to he carefully managed with planning," he says. has long been accepted by users of large computers. Sean Hallahan writes. But it is only in the past few years that users of personal computers have begun to realise that networks do not run themselves and that their failure can be as damaging to a business as a computer breakdown.

Yet, while personal computers are fairly easy to use, the networks connecting them tend to be far more complex. The problems are often compounded where networks were installed on a haphazard basis and gradually added to over

the years. Planning the orderly running of a network has often come a poor second to adding another personal computer or printer to a network.

Took such as network analysers — electronic devices that monitor the system and highlight faults — are only a partial answer, according to David Cuthbertson, a partner with Kenson Data Services, a company which offers consul-

tancy on network problems. "It does not actually matter what tools you have, they are still just tools. You need to understand the network, what is on it and what it is doing.

The most common problems with networks tend to be simple ones with the cables connecting the system together, especially when they are not well protected. "The cabling is out there in the user area, and it gets damaged very easily. You cannot trust someone running a vacuum deaner over the floor to respect a cable," Mr Cuthbertson says.

The second most likely cause of faults is with bridges and routers - communications devices on the networkand often because the wrong type of device has been installed on the system.

Finally the people who use the system can unwittingly cause problems. Mr Cuthbertson cites the case of a large City institution using networked workstations. At three o'clock every day one dealer finished work and played a game of golf on his system. Unfortunately the network adaptor card and the video adaptor card — necessary to play the game — overlapped in certain areas. "The result was that as soon as the dealer made a shot in the game a huge burst of traffic

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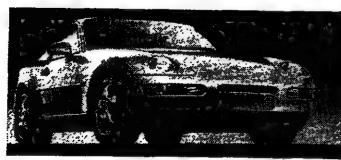
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# **MOTORING**

# At last, the electric car that keeps going

The search for the alternative vehicle that uses safe power may be over, says Vaughan Freeman

n the continuing hunt for an alternative fuel that will prove less environmentally damaging than petrol or diesel, car manufacturers have flinted with everything from natural gas to steam. However, these alternatives have been discarded again and again as impractical and engineers turn repeatedly to electric power. which, despite feeble performance and limited range, provides environmentally clean transport, free of exhaust gases.

The main problem with batterypowered cars is the restricted range, usually about 40 miles. In a conventional petrol or dieselpowered car, that would represent just a quarter of a tank of fuel. Most of us feel a tightening of the throat once the fuel guage in our petrol or diesel-powered car drops below the quarter full mark and at that point driving becomes a hunt at a snail's pace for the nearest forecourt. Only the foolhardy would contemplate starting a journey with so little

Now, Volvo, the Swedish carmaker, has produced a revolutionary car. a real working prototype, rather than a fantasy, that successfully combines electric power with a gas-

Volvo has been developing gas turbines since 1986, and the Environmental Concept Car is a working test-bed, incorporating all the latest thinking on what environmentally sound, yet usable. vehicles might be like in about ten

The result is a hybrid that offers totally pollution-free motoring in town, a range of 400 miles, and high-speed motorway motoring



Is this the vehicle of the future? Volvo's revolutionary concept car, a genuine working prototype

when required, all with performance to match that of today's cars. The car, which rolled out of the company's Gothenburg headquarters last week, is an exciting-looking saloon that can seat five. Although

it is clearly a car of tomorrow, it is without the sort of Star Trek styling to which most manufacturers seem This Volvo offers pollution-free motoring,

a range of 400 miles prone when designing a concept

good performance and

prototype. From the outside, the saloon is ultra-aerodynamic, with the sort of slippery and smooth shape that gives less wind resistance than most sports cars. The car is built of lightweight aluminium, while the specially made Goodyear tyres cut rolling resistance by as much as 50

per cent more than regular tyres, so adding to fuel economy and envicommental acceptability

Inside, the seats are of leather. the doors are trimmed imaginatively with cook, and the dashboard is trimmed not with precious hardwoods but with Swedish birch that is in plentiful supply.

The huge advantage of the vehicle is that, while it is on the move, the gas turbine, together with energy stored from braking, is recharging the batteries on board, so that they never need to go flat even if the car is in continuous use. To start the car, the driver

turns the key, and the batteries on board fire up the gas turbine, which takes about 30 seconds. The car sounds like an earthbound jet fighter as the tur-bine whistles and whines into action, the most disconcerting piece of instrumentation on display being a rev counter for the turbine that registers up to 100,000 rpm. The turbine idles at about 50,000rpm and reaches 75,000

rpm when the car is on the move. Where the gear stick should be, there are three buttons and a dial. To select a nower source, press one of the three buttons - marked 'electric", "hybrid" or "turbine". Then turn the dial, which is marked, like the gears on a conventional automatic-drive car, with "park", "reverse", "neutral" and "drive", plus a low gear for

extra pulling power. Starting in electric mode, the vehicle pulls away from rest slowly. with a total absence of any noise, vibration or rattle, and of course, no exhaust emissions. Gradually, it picks up to a maximum speed of about 50mph in 25 seconds or so.

nother first with the car is its "fly by wire" technique. This means that the brake have no mechanical link to the engine. They only pass electronic messages to the car's computer, which passes on instructions to

Inside the innovation: leather seats, doors trimmed with cork, dashboard with Swedish birch

detached feeling, with little direct involvement in the driving, especially as there is no noise or vibration from the engine. The prototype's unusual quietness leads you to realise just how valuable a driving aid noise can be in gauging

how a car is performing.

When engaged, the dieselpowered gas turbine drives a high-speed generator which takes over from the batteries to drive the car through the electric motor.

With the turbine in use, the car is able to attain its 400-mile range, as well as a top speed respeciably exceeding 100mph.
The turbine is highly efficient and economical. Diesel is ac-

cepted as a "greener" fuel than petrol. With the turbine working, the car is still quiet and there is no vibration, though the ride is accompanied with the whistling whine one normally associates Gatwick or Heathrow.

Using the latest computer tech-

the car from initial drawings to a fully working prototype in less than a year. It is, Mr Horbury says, a realistic vehicle to be driven within a decade. He says: "We wanted to build a car that is not a Dan Dare spaceship hovering above ground. "This is a car that can go

director, and his team translated

'Designers must match public expectations with vehicles that meet

stringent standards'

shopping, that is recognisable, yet is environmentally friendly, and believable. Our research showed that people in ten or 15 years' time will still want cars that are, above all, safe, that they are happy to have their families in, that offer performance while being environmentally friendly, and which they are

He suggests motorists might consider owning the sort of plastic two-seat vehicles that some manufacturers propose as future cars, but in reality, the public's demands will not have changed greatly in the next ten years.

Mr Horbury says designers and manufacturers must match these expectations with vehicles that will be within increasingly stringent legislation that demands drastic reduction in on emissions. In some places, such as California, a proportion of cars will have to make zero emissions within the decade.

The clear drawback to Volvo's prototype is that the batteries used are extremely opensive, adding \$20,000 (nearly £14,000) to the cost of the vehicle though Volvo and other manufacturers are working on alternatives to the expensive and heavy (350kg) nickel cadmium batteries now in use.It is clear, though, that the Volvo Environmental Concept Car is on the right road towards

#### Motor fraud costing £19 million a year has prompted calls for new documentation



Lot of trouble: deeds could eliminate Arthur Daley-style dealers

launched a campaign to have title deeds introduced for all cars sold in Britain.

bought and sold with all the legal documentation of a loaf of bread. This has allowed an increasing amount of fraud, worth many millions of pounds, and made victims of thousands of private motorists and retail dealers.

The present registration document has details of the vehicle, such as colour, engine size, make, and so forth, as well as the listed user and previous users. Crucially, it is not a legal document. David Evans, legal and international affairs director at the Retail Motor Industry Federation, says it must either be amended, or a new document introduced, which shows the registered owner and indicates any financial interest that others, such as a finance house, have in the vehicle.

Among the supporters of the title deed scheme are the Society

# Drive for good deeds could avoid trouble

of Motor Auctions, the Retail Motor Industry Federation, Hire Purchase Information and the Leasing and Finance Association.

The proposed new deed, similar to that for a house, would be with the car from the moment it left the showroom to its final parking place in a crusher or recycling unit. It would go some way to stemming car fraud.

The latest development in motor fraud lies in the growth of vehicle transfer agencies. These agencies take the cars in exchange for taking on the motorist's outstanding financial burden on the

vehicle. However, according to statistics from the Finance and Leasing Association (FLA), 90 per cent of motorists who turn to such agencies, having lost their car, discover they are still responsible for payments when the vehicle and the agency promptly disappear. This scam has been worth £8 million in the past year.

FIA members have reported more than 4,500 car frauds of all kinds in the past year, worth almost £19 million. Hire Purchase Information, a central registry supplying information to police, insurance firms and dealers, and now to the public, says the problem is even bigger. Between one-quarter and one-

sixth of all cars sold privately have financial agreements outstanding on them, while one in a hundred cars sold privately is stolen. For the victim, it can be a terrible dilemma.

At best, this is a legal grey area that will cost the car's new owner sleepless nights. At worst, the car may have to be returned to the finance house or the rightful owner with no recompense to the

uzwary purchaser. The supporters of the title deed idea say it would make frauds harder: no deed, no sale. Would-be purchasers could insist on knowing where the deed was held and check to see if the car was being

sold legally. At present, motorists can be reasonably confident that a car is being sold lawfully only if it is brand new and sitting in a

Buying used cars is different altogether. It is estimated that the average used car costs £5,000, and up to 1.5 million change hands privately each year. Even dealers can be unsuspecting accomplices in passing on vehicles they have no right to sell. Central Motor Auctions this year set aside £100,000 to cover debts incurred in dealing unwittingly with cars that should not be for sale.

Car buyers could do more to help themselves, says Hire Purchase Information: "Few people consider security of title unless their suspicions are aroused when asking for the log book."

VAUGHAN FREEMAN

Hire Purchase Information Auto Data can be contacted on 0722 422422. Vehicle checks costs £15 for.

# Pace, space, grace . . . and reliability

#### The new Jaguar has all the old

virtues and more

aguar's first television advertising campaign for 12 years reached the nation's screens this week to launch the firm's 1993 luxury-car range, Vaughan Freeman writes. At the heart of the £6 million

campaign are scenes showing a schoolboy dreaming of driv-ing the glorious Mark 2 Jaguar of the 1960s, a car that still epitomises the company's sporting saloon tradition. Today Jaguar is targeting that dreaming schoolboy in the hope that he has grown up into a business executive who can afford a Jaguar.

This link of heritage and nostalgia has made evolution rather than revolution the key to Jaguar's new cars. Indeed, despite a mass of technical innovations, at first sight its new products seem un-changed from their 1992 predecessors.

However, Jaguar has spent an estimated £35 million replacing or upgrading more than a thousand components

in the new range. Exterior changes such as new wheel trims are modest. But inside upgrades include air bags and central locking as standard, as is a factory-fitted alarm and a more refined engine and gearbox. Electri-cally adjusted seats, new switch gear and new audio

systems are also included. The most obvious difference our recent move to a three-year

#### ROAD TEST

Checklist on the the Jaguar XJ6 Sovereign pictured right Engine: 4-litre, 6-cylinder with catalyst giving 223bhp at 4750rpm through five-speed manual gear box or four-speed automatic.

Performance: 0 to 60mph in 8.6 seconds. Top speed

Economy: Unleaded petrol giving 22mpg over mixed

Price: £36,768 (sports steering and suspension pack £2,073

comes in the shape of paper rather than metal. For the first time, Jaguar's confidence in its cars is such that three-year warranties are now standard.

If such confidence is unfounded it could prove a costly error, warranty claims could damage the balance books as omnipotence of Japanese limbadly as the firm's Nick Scheele, the

chairman of Jaguar, is confident. "Jaguars have been noted for many qualities over the years," he says. "Grace, space and pace is still an appropriate slogan for our current product, but value for money has always been a vital

ingredient, too. We believe our decision to standardise air bags and security alarm systems as well as



warranty will give buyers and potential buyers peace of mind and convince them that Jaguar cars represent terrific value for money in their class."

A Jaguar may lack the clinical efficiency of a German marque and the all-round

Even in a downpour on the M5 the car is rock-steady

ousines, but the charisma of a Jaguar is unique. Behind the wheel, the Sovereign that I drove seemed cramped initially, but then I

machine Huge performance from the four-line en-

am over 6ft 4ins. The air bag packed in the steering wheel unit makes it ished wood and chrome.

difficult to see some dials and the positioning of the electric seat adjusters makes using

Once the car is on the move, however, the driving position is comfortable and the controls come casily to hand. The Sovereign I was driving

was fitted with the Sports Pack option, which results in an effective blend of luxury car and enthusiast's

gine is matched to steering that is direct and suspension that keens the car nicely flat through corners. At all times there is the cosseting comfort of Wilton

carpet. Connolly leather, pol-

Cutting through a down-

pour on the M5 the car is rocksteady and breathlessly quiet. Even at 90mph the engine is working only at 3,000 pm. The trip computer registered 22mpg over mixed fast motorway work and switchback Cotswold roads. This year has been a tough

one for Jaguar with only 6,000 British sales expected against 14,000 in 1989. Eighty per cent of Jaguars go to business costomers and the recession has all but destroyed a marketplace based

firmly in the directors' car

Even so, if value for money is the criterion, the new Jag-uars is in the running. The cheapest in the new range, the XJ6, has a 3.2-litre engine and at just under £26,000 is yours for the cost of the dearest Ford or Vauxhall

### MATCAPANSE Chaplin's star car

CHARLIE Chaplin's 1931 Rolls-Royce Phantom Two Tourer is going up for sale. The car became a film star in its own right when it appeared with the cornedy actor in his 1939 masterpiece, The Great Dictator. The Rolls-Royce is valued at between £85,000 and £100,000 and will star once again when it joins the Coys of London auction on

The dirtier sex

ABOUT 40 per cent of women wash their cars only once a month, while only 9 per cent of men leave cleaning that long, says Carebridge, the car clean specialist. Three-quarters of women clean the inside of their cars less than once a month. Fewer than half of

women drivers check tyres every week and only one in five checks her oil weekly.

Greener still

THE UK's first centre for car recycling has been opened. The plant is a joint effort between BMW and Bolney Motors in West Sussex. The centre is the first of 15 that BMW hopes to have in the UK by 1995. The company aims to process 500 BMWs in the first year, recycling everything, including oil, windscreens, electrical components and interior trim.

Report that road THE RAC says our roads are

getting worse and wants motorists' help to put things right. The organisation is encouraging drivers to count the holes in their road as part of a new purge on potholes, to photograph potholes that have been around a long time and to complain to the local council's highways director. At the

RAC. Shelley Maxwell says:
"If your vehicle is damaged by
a deep pothole you may well
be able to recover the cost of the repair."

#### Miles ahead

THE latest diesel-powered Range Rover Vogue Tdi has just completed the 832-mile trip from John o'Groats to Land's End on only one fill of its 18-gallon fuel tank. The car averaged 53mpg despite appalling weather and heavy traffic. Two gallons were left in the tank, giving the Range Rover an estimated range of

Looking at locks

TOYOTA has recalled 11,950 old-model Camrys registered between 1986 and 1990 for checks to central locking, while BMW wants owners of 520i and 525i models registered between August 16, 1988, and August 11, 1989, to have them checked for a possible electrical system fault.



Fit for a comic genius: Chaplin's 1931 Rolls-Royce could fetch £100,000 at auction

## India prepare for floodlit test of form and stamina

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN PIETERMARITZBURG In similar fashion to last

AFTER two days relaxing in a upon the most gruelling part of their tour of southern Africa here tonight. A solid fortnight of day-night matches is fol-lowed by a three-day game before the tour ends with the final two Test marches, in Port Elizabeth and Cape Town, over the holiday period.

A tune-up this evening

against a President's XI is aimed at helping the Indians adapt once again to World Cup conditions - two white balls, black sightscreens and coloured clothing. On Mon-day in Cape Town, they play the first of seven floodlit internationals in different cities. It is hardly the programme the Indians might have chosen to try to get several key players back in to form.

winter in Australia, senior baismen such as Azharuddin, Shastri and Manjrekar simply have not delivered runs regularly on important occasions. Jadeja, the newcomer, has also bowlers, Kapil Dev looks to have lost his cutting edge and Raju, the left-arm spinner, his

Azharuddin and Jadeja have consistently been caught behind or in the slip cordon though they at least could benefit from the absence of close fielders in the one-day games. Azharuddin's retention of the captaincy against England in the new year, though, can no longer be considered certain unless he can find his true form soon.

## Richardson must be ready to duck

Perth: Richie Richardson, the West Indies captain, bravely added spice to the opening match of the World Series Cup. against Pakistan at the WACA ground today, when he suggested that the Pakistan bowlers, Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis, were "not real-

The Pakistan team manag-er, Colonel Naushad Ali, was not amused. "They are accepted around the world as very fast bowlers. Richardson can have his own opinion," he

Richardson did, however, admit "They have great con-trol, they move the ball and they are great thinkers. They are two great bowlers."

Akram, who helped Pakistan win the World Cup in Australia in March, said he again expected to have some trouble controlling the white balls used in the tournament.

"I could bowl slower and not give away any no-balls or attacking bowler, and need to come in as quickly as I can," he said. "I might bowl five wides but then I might get three wickets — so it becomes worth taking the risk."

Waqar missed the World Cup because of a back injury and Wasim said: "We are a lot better now that we have Wagar back. He is the best bowler in the world as well as the fastest.

Neither side has chosen its team for the day-night game. Only Asqib Javed, who has a stress fracture in the lower back, is unavailable for Pakistan. Ata-Ur-Rehman, 17. who played in the Edgbaston Test last summer, deputises,

Wessels, the South Africa caprain, continue to be widely criticised for their negative tactics on the final day of the second Test. They condemned

a fine match to a tedious finish

and have done nothing to help South Africa administrators to sell Test match tickets. The one-day matches will gross the South Africa board an estimated £1.5 million profit, with a sell-out virtually achieved already at every venue. Wessels has the consolation of knowing that South Africa have the form and credentials to dominate this

series. Success would go a long

way towards carning him forgiveness for what hap-

pened in the Test match. South Africa start favourities. Wessels, Hudson, Rhodes and McMillan have all made Test runs. Donald, Matthews and Schultz, as well as McMillan. all bring more firepower to the attack than the Indians possess. The selection of Calla-ghan, who, like the Austral-ian, Simon O'Donnell, has cricket, also strengthens the home side. He is a hard hitter

Allan Lamb, in his regular newspaper column in this country, has been one of the few critics of South Africa's team. Lamb wanted the selectors to follow England's example and go for all-rounders in the one-day internationals, such as Rice and Kuiper. Neither, though, has done much of late. At 43, the years seem to have caught up with

and a useful seam bowler.

The President's XI tonight is led by Peter Rawson, the medium-fast bowler who used to play for Zimbabwe. The Indians have deferred choosing their side.

PRESIDENT'S XI; P WE Paweon (captain), J M Arthw, G Klesten, M J R Findel, D J Cullingn, F Devicts, K Mehuwe, H A Mensch, E O Stricting, G J Politicinan (wickellesper), S Abraheme

## Rutter enforcing Yeovil lore



MENTION the romance of the Cup and you mention Yeavil Town. The two are how appropriate that the latest mission improbable of turers is being piloted by a

Steve Rutter was faced with a stark choice two years ago when his employers, the lary, wanted him to transfer from physical instruction to beat duties. He had to give up the police or give up football

suit of his ambition to man-age a League club, he left the force and took charge of Yeovil, where he had been a player for four seasons. In the course of the past year, he has several times had cause to question the sanity of that decision, as the famous club has flicted with relegation. and even bankruptcy.

Rutter said. "It was a vicious circle. Our new ground had left us with debts of half a million pounds, results were had and the crowds fell away so there was even less money to pay the bills. Early this year I felt like packing it up and disappearing but the when things were desperate."

They are not so desperate now. The debt remains, and survival is a matter of daily budgets, but respectability in the Vauxhall Conference has accompanied a precious Cup run. Torquay United were beaten 5-2, away, and now Hereford United must fear becoming the stateenth Foot-ball League victims of this remarkable market-town

Rutter is more than a manager, even at present while an ankle injury pre-vents him playing. He works full-time at the club, juggling



money is available, creating a vibrant, happy team and, in tandem with the coach, Paul Rogers, a winning one, too. He is bewildered, but not ungrateful, that players such as the centre half, Mark Shail

-"as good as any outside the Premier League" — and Andy Wallace. a striker, have remained immune from higher offers. And he revels in the atmosphere which comes from a team high on intelligence, with four graduates,

better for it.
Football is a simple and

uncomplicated game, in spite

of what managers and coaches would have you believe. Cheat-

ing, intimidation and skul-

duggery are no substitute for ball control, accurate passing

If Mr Kelly still feels com-

placent about the standards of English football, he should watch the highlights of various

matches televised in Match of

the Day. He should take

particular note when corners

are taken because invariably

there will be infringements

(holding, shirt-pulling, push-

ing and elbowing, even sexual interference!), which go com-

have you believe that it's a "man's game" and these

things must be accepted. The whistle should be blown on

them - and the quicker the

Don't let the commentators

pletely unpunished.

better.

eame.

Yours faithfully,

ALF NOBLE,

and speed of thought.

The most unusual day job belongs to Jeff Sherwood, who designs anti-detection shields for Ministry of De-Sherwood will be engaged in a different kind of defence tomorrow, when the plush new ground at Huish Park, on the outskirts of Yeovil, can expect a crowd of 6,000.

Is it, perhaps, not quite the same without the notorious sloping pitch of the old Huish? "Maybe," Rutter agrees. "I played on it and I

and the spectator will be all the would take the initiative since better for it.

have seen what it can do to a big club. When Queens Park Rangers came down a few years back, I remember Jim Smith, their manager, saying he never thought they could lose until he saw the pitch.

"But we are getting used to the new pitch now. I even put dding reception on it in May. It is up to us to make Huish Park our new fortress, so that League clubs still

## **Piper** ready for Benn

By Srikumar Sen

WHEN Nicky Piper agreed Nigel Benn, boxing experts fell about laughing. "Have you heard?" they said. Piper, a member of Mensa, must have had a brainstorm, they said.

But yesterday, the bespectacied, softly-spoken Welshman from Cardiff, who looks more like a schoolmaster than a super-middleweight, predicted he would knock out the knock-out artist to become the World Boxing Council champion at Alexandra Palace, north London, next Saturday. He spoke so calmly about his daunting task that by the time the press conference was over, the experts were beginning to have second thoughts.

Piper being thrown in with the hardest puncher in Britain. It was a bout the Welsh light-heavyweight always fancied. "We've been making offers to Benn and Eubank." Piper said. "I was surprised the offer

Piper, who said he had no trouble coming down from light-heavyweight, added:
"After I've beaten Nigel Benn,
I'll take a couple of creditable opponents Eubank has beaten Gimenez or Tony Thornton - then the public will clamour for a fight between me and Eubank I'm not pretending Benn will be easy, but he's easier to read than Eubank. I respect Nigel Benn, he's a reat fighter, he loves boxing. don't respect Eubank. He's bitten the hand that feeds

the unbeaten Norwich heavyweight, was "up in the clouds after hearing on Sportsnight that he was on Riddick Bowe's shopping list of opponents. Hearn, his promoter, said he will be talking to the world champion's promoters in two

#### **SPORTS LETTERS**

#### Players who set bad example

From the Master of Haileybury College

Sir, I was one of the MCC members who signed the petition which led to the calling of the meeting at Lord's on Tuesday. My signing of the petition did not derive principally from the selectors' decision to omit David Gower. There may be factors involved in that decision of which I am unaware, though it is certainly one which is almost inexplic-

My principal reason for signing the petition was my very considerable anger at the selection of the South African rebels. I am a strong supporter of contacts with South Africa and greatly regretted the ICC's decision to ban any English cricketer who went to South Africa to coach and play as a private individual. That seems to me to be an intoler-

#### Supporting role

From Mr Richard Butler Sir. I was one of those petitioners present at the meeting at Lord's on Tuesday to discuss whether we should go forward with the special general meet-ing of MCC to debate a noconfidence motion in the England cricket selectors.

I was proud to vote for this motion and I carried with me the best wishes of most of the young cricketers of the nation. It would be fair to say that the young were not much in evidence but I am pleased to say that following my brief

Yours faithfully, RICHARD BUTLER 187 Cranmer Court, S

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GARBOIL

able interference with people's only culprit liberty and freedom.

What I criticised at the time, and still do, were the actions of a group of cricketers, collected together in conditions of subterfuge and deceit, undertaking a tour against the express wishes of the government of the day, the cricket authorities in this country, and every other Test-playing country, and, I genuinely believed at the time, the majority of cricket lovers; and all that solely for financial gain.

I do not believe that to be a good example to the young. I find it difficult to uphoid standards of loyalty and sportsmanship when the England selectors show a gross disregard for such virtues.

Yours faithfully, DAVID JEWELL, Master. Haileybury College,

appearance on the Radio 1 breakfast show that morning. during which I mentioned that I was to be present at the meeting and was to vote in favour, I was inundated with phone calls from the younger generation, all of whom agreed with the stance being proposed.

It was also apparent that the young don't think of MCC as a "thing of the past", but more of a club representing the ordinary dub cricketer, a protecting veil as it were.

187 Cranmer Court, SW3.

WORD-WATCHING

(a) A spot of blemish, from the Latin narras a mole or other blemish

on the skin, Aubrey on Sir Walter Raleigh: "He was a tall, handsome, and bold man, but his naeve was that he was damnable

(b) Confusion, disturbance, tunnit, an instance of this, a brawl, habbub, horlyburly, connected with the Latin ballare to boil. Queen Elizabeth I to Sir Walter Raleigh: "... nourish and entertain the

(c) A secret or petty thief, a pilferer, from the early Middle English muchare, Scott: "Thou art turned micher as well as padder — Caust both rol a man and Ednap him?"

#### Cardiff not FA must back referees to take strong action

From Mr Alf Noble
Sir, Having had the honour of

From Mr Clem Thomas Sir, I must protest that David Hunn (Sports Letters, November 27) should vent such spleen at the behaviour of a small percentage of the Welsh rugby crowd at Cardiff.

If he were to visit Parc des Princes, he would surely be apoplectic at the wall of noise and whistling which greets not only penalty goals, but most of the referees' decisions. It is part of the Gallic

fervour — more akin to the Welsh than the reserved gentility of Twickenham - of the great south-west of France, where I have seen, as he must have done, bad behaviour of medal-winning proportions.

At Twickenham last Saturday he heard a far greater cacophony of whistles and jeers than anything heard at Cardiff, when Marty Roebuck took his penalty kick at goal. At least the authorities admon-

ished the crowd over the tannoy at Cardiff. Did he not also hear the remarkably generous ap-plause by the Welsh crowd for Campese's line try, acknowledged by the player himself on

television during the week? Bad sportsmanship is not the preserve of any country. It is only evidence that a small percentage of society will always remain mindless.

Yours faithfully, CLEM THOMAS, De La Beche House, 42 De La Beche Road, Sketty, Swansea, West Glamorgan.

From Mr Raymond Wergan

Sir, Time-wasting play-acting, arguing and sly fouling are other minuses to add to the

chattering commentary on

Channel 4's Italian football

(Sports Letters, November 27).

But they are far outweighed by

the wonderful skills shown

each week by men actually

dressed like footballers in

striking, old-fashioned strips.

image-makers of our game

who think they have improved

our football by allowing teams

to play in outlandish outlits

and changing the first division

into the Premier League.

How this must bemuse the

Over the top

representing the Football Association in a playing capacity, albeit some 40 years past, I read with interest the article by David Miller (November 25) and the letter (November 27) from the chief executive of the

Shame to say, I no longer have the inclination to attend a game of football, but as a past devotee i am drawn to the televised game to keep me up to date. What I see leads me to believe that Mr Kelly and his staff have a mountain to climb if they are to restore the image of "behaviour and discipline" (his words).

Today's professional footballer, with a few exceptions, believes that results are more easily achieved by blatant cheating, cynical fouling, play-acting, and verbal and physi-

cal intimidation. Players steal anything from four to ten yards when taking throw-ins, form a wall seven to eight yards from a free kick, and stand over the ball when a free kick is awarded against

them. This belief is enhanced by the ineffectual refereeing in most games, which allows

these transgressions to go unchecked Mr Kelly must insist that all referees apply the letter and spirit of the law in all games, irrespective of the sending-offs

this may entail. So be it if some

Premier League matches fin-ish as seven a side. The lesson

will be learned and football

6 Forest Drive East, E11. From Mr D. E. Williams Sir. David Miller's article prompted comparisons with an earlier episode of lawless-

ness in cricket. in the 1890s the English first-class game was beset by controversies about bowlers with suspect actions. Repeated attempts were made to persuade captains and commit-

tees to deal with the problem themselves. Eventually is be-came clear that no county

if he was likely to be no balled continually in every game. By the time Phillips gave up umpiring in 1905 the throwing controversy had been end-ed and the problem disappeared, apart from a brief resurgence in the late 1950s

at a disadvantage if they played only "fair" bowlers. The problem was solved by

one courageous umpire,

James Phillips, an Australian who, possessed of indepen-

dent means, was not afraid to

antagonise the establishment.

He simply "called" every bowler whose action he con-sidered unfair (starting with C. B. Fry) and eventually his

English colleagues took heart and did likewise.

was prepared to field a bowier

Sooner or later no county

and early 1960s. is not the parallel with persistent foul play in football obvious? If referees enforced obvious? if referes emores the laws of the game and ruthlessly cautioned or sent off players who set out to break the rules at every opportunity, and if their actions were upheld by the authorities, the so-called "hard men" would have a clear choice wither to have a clear choice either to use their skills legitimately or face permanent loss of em-

ployment because even the most cynical manager could not afford to pick them. Yours truly, D. E. WILLIAMS,

The Old Post Office, Howe Street, Great Waltham,

#### American cousin From Ms K. Sinderson

Sir, Watching the recent netball coverage on television led me to consider that it is a game played principally in Commonwealth countries and not apparently in the United States, where basketball reigns

Then I remembered an article in Sports Illustrated three years ago about a females-only version of basket-ball, played with six a side instead of the conventional five, but with certain similarities to the seven-a-side game

The restriction of certain areas of the court to players in particular positions and the were described as features of this apparent hybrid of a

In lowa, according to the article, its popularity is such that an annual state-wide tournament has been held and enthusiastically supported since 1926, enabling the game to hold its own against the "proper", five-a-side version of basketball.

Is this the closest netball comes to being played in the United States? Has anyone from the netball world ever made contact with the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union who administer this game, to exchange views or spread the nethall gospel? It would be interesting to know.

Stylish parting From Mr A. D. Laycock

Sir, A notice in the Personal Column (November 27) re-corded a death "after a fine innings LB.W. for 75". While I am sorry that the gentleman concerned did not go on to his non", the notice nevertheless says much for his style and that of his family.

I am sure that I would have been tempted to depart main-taining that I had had a nick from my bat or that I had played a stroke to a ball pitching outside the off stump. Yours sincerely, ALAN LAYCOCK. 178 Tavistock Road.

Fleet, Hampshire.

SKJING

## **Ortlieb welcomes** increase in speed

FROM DAVID POWELL IN VAL D'ISÈRE

THE course for the first World course," Ortlieb said after Cup downhill of the season has delighted Patrick Ortlieb, the Olympic champion. It is as fast as safety experts dare let

him go. When Ordieb won his gold medal here in February, he was unfulfilled. "I hope I never have to race again on this track," he said. "It is not spectacular enough. It is too slow." On the La Face de Bellevarde piste, the top speed was 60mph. The specialist downhillers felt compromised.

For the World Cup, they will be back on the OK piste, which was used for the competition last year. It is not only faster than the Bellevarde, but, because it starts higher, it is quicker than it was for last year's World Cup. Speeds will approach 85mph. Two years ago, Ortlieb's

Austrian team-mate, Gernot Reinstadler, died when he crashed at Wengen. It concentrated International Ski Federation (FIS) minds on safety. We came to a point where we were no longer looking for speed," Tito Giovannini, the Alpine World Cup director,

"Last year, we did not have a serious accident because of the better safety procedures 140kph is the maximum we can accept." Which means they will be skiing to the limits here 140kph equals 85mph. This is a real downhill

practice A.J. Kitt, the New Yorker who won the World Cup race here last year, added his approval. "It is an exciting, fun course," Kiti said. "The sign first jump is really big and it is much faster on the flats." But he may have to wait one day longer for his fun. The downhill, scheduled for today, may now be held tomorrow.

One reason skiing struggles to project itself outside the Alpine nations is its lack of personalities. Ortlieb fits into the cast. His Olympic victory had made him an idol in Austria. "Everywhere I go, people know me and some-times it is not fun," he said. He would rather keep himself to himself.

Meanwhile, skiing waster
opportunities to help itself.

There was no pre-race press conference, let alone one with Ortlieb, now returning to the scene of his Olympic triumph. "We are doing a miserable job in helping the media to bring skiing to the public." Howard Peterson, the United States Ski Federation director, said.

The introduction of serious prize-money has been a posi-tive step, but publicity and sponsorship through a central marketing agency needs atten-tion. Until then, the FIS will do its sport as much of a disservice as did the Bellevarde designers for the genuine downhiller.

HOCKEY

## Title hopes may end

SUTTON Coldfield go into their last match before the Christmas break, away to Ealing tomorrow, knowing that victory is essential if they are to stand any chance of catching the women's national league leaders (Alix Ramsay writes). Ipswich, the leaders, and

Slough, the defending champions, are unlikely to drop points in their games, against Clifton and Wimbledon respectively, and defeat for Sut-ton Coldfield would see them six points adrift and virtually

of injuries. Lynday Watkin has been missing with a back injury and Lisa Bayliss is unlikely to play against Ea-ling. The coach, Barrie Dunkley, has promised a new formation and new spirit for the new year.

last time they competed have announced their squad to be played in January.

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☐ England, who took the bronze medal in 1987 — the for the European Indoor Cup.

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(b) Dog's dirt used for tauning high-class leather, London malformation and mispronunciation from the Latin pursue, to purify:
"The call-akins are then unhaired and fleshed in the usual manner, pured with a bate of dog's dung or puers." Yours faithfully. Yours faithfully. RAYMOND WERGAN. restrictions on shooting to all out of contention. KATHARINE SINDERSON, but the designated players, as well as limited dribbling and a Milton Point. Yealm Road. Sutton Coldfield have not 15 Clee Crescent, SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 071-782 5046 Newton Ferrers, been helped by a lack of three-second possession rule, compensiveness and a number White wins the black queen with I Ne7+ Kh8 2 Ng6+! Plymouth, Devon.

Borns

# Shaikh Mohammed builds Triumph Hurdle challenge

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

SHAIKH Mohammed's challenge for further National Hunt glory has prompted Britain's leading Flat owner to send Scrutineer to the in-form David Nicholson yard.

The three-year-old colt, who won twice on the Flat this summer when trained by John Gosden, will be aimed at the Daily Express Triumph Hurdie at the Cheltenham festival next March.

Scrutineer has been joined at Nicholson's yard by Kadi, owned by the Shaikh and formerly with John Oxx in Ireland, where he won a maiden at the Curragh earlier this year. Another former Oxx horse, Home Counties, has been sent by the Shaikh to Nicky Henderson.

Scrutineer, who won a maiden at Epsom and a handicap at Kempton, both over tenfuriongs on good ground, has already shown enough to excite Nicholson. "I'm lucky to have him and he's an extremely nice horse," he said. "He's got a superb temperament and has really taken to jumping. He has given me a fair buzz I can tell you, more than Highland Bud.

Highland Bud, also owned by Shaikh Mohammed and

FOLLOWING successive sec-

onds at Bangor and Chelten-ham, the Nicky Henderson-

trained Le Piccolage is taken

to go one better today at

napped to win the Gedling

The eight-year-old Le

Piccolage began his chasing

career on an auspicious note

last season when winning at

Unfortunately, his two sub-

sequent efforts were rather less

successful. He had races at

Newbury and Lingfield at his

mercy only to fall, on the

second occasion hurting him-

self so badly that he missed the

But after a summer at grass

remainder of the season.

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12.30 Stratford Lady.

2.35 Snitton Lane.

1.00 Newlands-General.

2.05 Dublin Indemnity.

3.05 Pollerton's Pride.

(£1,266: 2m) (15 runners)

1.30 LE PICCOLAGE (nap).

Nottingham, where he

Handicap Chase.

Ascot and Newbury.

trained by Nicholson, was runner-up in the Triumph Hurdle in 1989 before going to the United States, where he has gained further success, including victory in this season's Breeders' Cup Chase.

Nicholson aims to introduce Scrutineer to hurdling at Cheltenham's new year meeting but warned: "He will not run on extremes of ground."

Home Counties, who has been gelded, was schooled for the first time over hurdles last week by Richard Dunwoody "and it could not have gone better", according to Henderson.

Shaikh Mohammed has enjoyed great success over jumps from relatively few runners. Kribensis carried his colours to victory in the 1988 Triumph Hurdle and the Champion Hurdle a year lat-er, while Royal Gait won this year's hurdling crown. The absence of turf racing

yesterday did not stop backers putting on their betting boots over the Coral Welsh National at Chepstow on December 28. The sponsors laid several good bets on Milnnehoma,

last season's top staying novice

chaser, and cut the price of the Martin Pipe-trained favourite

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

and steady work at home, he

reappeared at Bangor in Octo-

ber when he ran a sound race

to finish second to the fitter

With Rifle Range and Very

Very Ordinary, third and

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since, the form stands up to

Next time out Le Piccolage

again finished second, dead-

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RICHARD EVANS: 1.30 Le Piccolage. 3.05 GYMCRAK GAMBLE (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.30 LE PICCOLAGE.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (CHASE COURSE); SOFT (HURDLES)

12.30 LAKE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE

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1.30 La Piccolage.

2.35 Snitton Lane.

3.05 FURRY BABY (nap).

from 10-1 to 6-1. Similar support for Belmount Captain. Toby Balding's improving handicapper, saw his price trimmed from 12-1 to 8-1.

With rain forcing Sandown to abandon racing today, the most important fixture takes place at 10.30am in The Strand. Three Court of Appeal judges will rule on the Aga Khan's legal challenge to the Jockey Club flowing from the disqualification of Aliysa, the 1989 Oaks winner.

The Aga Khan is seeking tudicial review of the Jockey



Nicholson: delighted with jumps recruit Scrutineer

That form, too, looks solid,

with Bradbury Star running a

fine third at Ascot next time

out and Whaat Fettle failing

by only a neck to catch Bluff

Even the remote fourth,

Glenbrook D'Or, won at War-

A line through Sacre D'Or

suggests Le Piccolage can deal with the topweight Half Brother in receipt of 5lb. Last

time out Half Brother was

beaten 10 lengths by Sacre D'Or when receiving 5Ib, but

earlier Le Piccolage had been

beaten six lengths when get-

ting 1 1lb from the same horse.

ices' Chase can go to Newlands-General. He loo-

(3-Y-0: £1,318: 2m) (10 runners)

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FORM FOCUS

wick last Saturday.

Knoll at Kelso on Monday.

Consistent Le Piccolage to step up

# claims Sandown

RAIN continues to disrupt the National Hunt profar-reaching, not only for racing's rulers but for other gramme. The fixtures at Sandown Park today and Towcester tomorrow have been called off, bringing the number of meetings lost this by sports' governing bodies.

Should the judges find in favour of the Aga Khan, it week to eight.

Club's decision. If he is suc-

cessful, the implications will be

sports. The door would be

opened for successful legal

challenges to decisions taken

could lead to the drawn-out

Aliysa hearing being heard

again in the courts. Until now

the High Court has been

reluctant to become involved

making by sports' rulers.
Richard Hannon said yesterday he would not know "for

a couple of days" whether he will remain the trainer of

Lyric Fantasy, who was sold

for 340,000 guineas at Tatter-salls' sales on Wednesday.

Paul Shanahan, the Irish

stud owner who bought the

filly on behalf of an unnamed

Kuwaiti consortium, said she

would stay in training. Asked

whether she would remain with Hannon, Shanahan

said: "That is obviously up to the principals who bought her,

but I imagine that is probably what will happen."

Lyric Fantasy was back at Hannon's Wiltshire stables

ked the epitome of a chaser

when comfortably winning

hurdles at Stratford and Lei-

cester last season and this is an

ideal opportunity for him to

Confidence is increased by

the return to form of his

trainer, Jimmy Fitzgerald.
The EBF Mares Only Nov-

ices' Handicap Chase seems best left to Snitton Lane, who should be fitter for that close

fourth to Ardcroney Chief at

Huntingdon first time out,

while Jokester, an encourag-

ing half-a-length second to Dibloom at Warwick last Sat-

urday, can take advantage of bottom weight in the Ruddington Novices Handi-

cap Hurdle.

make his mark over fences.

judgments on decision

Only Nottingham has sur vived today and prospects for the weekend remain uncertain. More rain would jeopardise the fixtures at Sandown, due to stage the William Hill Handicap Hurdle, and Chepstow, which features the Rehearsal Chase.

Sandown was abandoned after heavy rain during the morning and a further inspec-tion at 2pm today will determine the fate of tomorrow's card. If the meeting goes ahead, the grade two Crowngap Winter Novices' Hurdle will be carried over to make a seven-race card.

Prospects at Chepstow improved during the day. Clerk of the course Rodger Farrant had been particularly con-cerned, but after walking the course, said: "I was quite surprised. It's perfectly raceable at the moment. There is no inspection planned unless there is further heavy rain."

The major note of optimism came from Edward Gillespie, the clerk of the course at Wetherby, where the ground is now soft. "We would have no problem racing today. We have had a dry day and something would have to go wrong to prevent us racing,' he said.

#### Major is briefed on racing

THE prime minister was briefed in the Commons yesterday on the problems facing the racing industry (Richard Evans writes).
John Major had a 20-min-

ute meeting with three Con-servative MPs who represent racing areas — Richard Spring (Bury St Edmunds), Jim Paice (South East Cambridgeshire) and Judith Chaplin (Newbury). Although the meeting was

strictly private, the threat posed by high VAT to breeders and the bloodstock industry is understood to have been at the top of the agenda.

The prime minister, who has Huntingdon racecourse in his constituency, will have been left in no doubt about the potential impact of 17.5% VAT on bloodstock in the UK. compared to 2.7% in Ireland and 5.5% in France.

Spring, who chaired the recent employment select committee enquiry into the effects of high VAT on bloodstock, would not comment on the prime ministerial meeting. but said he and his colleagues expressed great concern about

the racing industry.

He said: "There is now more interest in racing's problems, both in the Commons and the House of Lords."

# TESTED AND A

☐ Racing at Lingfield was put back an hour yesterday while water was cleared from the

Lingfield Park

Lingfield Park
Going: standard
12:10 (1m) 1, KING PARROT (D Harmson, 12:1); 2, Nellie Deen (Dele Gibson, 5-2, 14:4); 3, UBschulla (T Ozimn, 9-1), ALSO RAN, 5-2, 1-fev Predictable, 100-30 Dream Carrier, 15-2 Up The Punjab (451), 33 Rocky Bay, Just Cell Me Madam, Tsar Alexis (8th), 50 Tracky Verz, 89 Wessex Millord (5th), 11 ran, Hd, nk, 10, 34, nk, Lord Hurtengdon at West Ilsey, Tote: 15:90: 22:80, 21:50, 52:10, DF, 25:900 CSF 240:99, 12:40 (8) 1, TEE-EMM (L Certer, 50-1); 2, Squire York (J Willerms, 25-1); 3, Red Admiral (Dele Gibson, 10-1), ALSO RANK 4-9 fav Pistol (5th), 5 Western Velley, 8 Rusinc, 10 M AB-Sahn (8th), 25 Christian Sport (4th), 8 ran, 3, 31, 11, sh hd, 61, P Howling at Guidford Totes; 531:50; 93:20, 64:00, 52:20, DF, 22:09:80, CSF, 28:83:38, 1.10 (1m), 1, KILLICK (J Ozim, 16-1); 2,

C4 (0), E2 20. DF: £209.80. CSF: £883.38.
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ESO.53.
1.40 (1m 2) 1, KI-RISSMA (W Ryan, 9-2); 2, Talented Ting (Dele Gibeon, 9-1); 3, Double Ecto (A Murro, 13-8 lay), ALSO: 4 Perryy Drops (Sth), 5 Sales Of, Lustice (Sth), 12 Vintage (4th), 6 ran, 12l, sh hd, 4L, 3, 15l, Mrs J Cecl at Newmarket, Total (15), 10; 21-90, 53.80. DF \$18.30. CSF 524.89.

Not everyone was an unqualified success in Viry, but the most pleasing aspect of the win was the contribution made by some of the younger players, three of whom were drafted into the side quite late

Eindhoven in March.

## Weather | Games money mountain may hit peak in Atlanta

ARDY Arani, a legal adviser to the campaign committee which won the centenary Olympic Games for Atlanta. believes that 1996 will be the high point of Olympic commercialisation. Addressing the Sponsorship Europe '92 conference here, Arani, a consultant to Coca-Cola, said that from the Games of 2000, Olympic budgeting is likely to

contract. The Olympics, never stronger yet never more vulnerable, are on the threshold of a multiple problem: a sensitive, and possibly declining, mar-ket-place, together with a tele-vision audience which, especially in the United States, is reacting adversely to professionalism in an arena formerly perceived as amateur.

Dick Ebersol, president of NBC TV (Sports), said his American network lost \$100 million on the Barcelona Games, having paid \$401 million for the US rights. Viewing figures, initially enthusiastic for basketball's Dream Team, fell away, with disillusionment over disappointments in swimming and gymnastics, regarded as American specialities.

The \$10,000 which BBC television received on Wednesday in winning the inaugural Olympic Golden Rings award, for its coverage in Barcelona, is a small gratification, justifying its share of the \$270 million that the European Broadcasting Union is paying for the rights of 1996. This is three times the fee paid

for Barcelona. But for how long can the premium from the paymasters of sport, television and sponsors, continue to rise? The Olympic Programme (Top), the exclusive sponsorship package for a dozen or so multi-national corporations, produced \$170 million revemue for 1989-92. Top III, for The Olympics are pushing their paymasters to the limit. David Miller, in Monte Carlo,

considers the commercial consequences

gross revenue of over \$2.5

Yet 3M. one of the original Top I sponsors, have pulled out, wishing to reorientate their global advertising, and so far only Coca-Cola, Kodak and Visa have renewed their contracts at the substantially

increased fee. Coca-Cola will be paying a premium of around \$60 million, and its four-year Olympic budget is an estimated \$500 million; yet that is money they would spend any-



The Games, never stronger yet never more vulnerable, are on the threshold of a multiple problem

way on promotion, and the Olympic arena is, for the moment, the most effective commercial stage.

A further complication, however, is that the Top entry fee is dependent on the majority of the 183 national olympic committees agreeing to sign on with ISL, the Swiss market-1993-6, is predicted to reach ing agents, who administer

more than \$300 million in a gross revenue of over \$2.5 Top in conjunction with the International Olympic Committee. There is the prospect that some countries, such as Holland, Germany and France, may opt out, preferring to conduct their own domestic sponsorship and licensing, which would deplete the Top income.

All is not wine and roses, by any means. The EBU fee may have risen, under the pressure of competitive bidders, but the US television market has levelled. NBC's loss reflected poor response by advertisers during the 16-day screening of the Barcelona Games. When the US bidding takes place next summer for the Atlanta rights, the fee is not expected to exceed \$450 million even though in prime. lion, even though in prime-

time US viewing.
CBS, which claims it broke even on an Albertville rights fee of \$243 million, is keen to get the Games, as is ABC, but the bids of all three networks are expected to be close to a figure less than ten per cent

more than Barcelona's. Olympic marketing will suf-fer further should prize-money become a factor by 1996. The Games are standing on the brink of a credibility crisis, with the demand by agents for prize-money at next year's athletics world championships. Should that happen then, or in 1995, how would the Olympics resist following suit? In accepting prizemoney, the Games would become just another television game-show... "and the 100 metres gold medal winner, with a cheque for \$25,000, is Joe Grabbit". Forget it. The Olympics with prize-money

## Support for restructuring

By JOHN GOODBODY

THE British Olympic Association's (BOA) plans for the restructuring of British sport were welcomed yesterday by the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR), which represents the national governing bodies.

Peter Lawson, the sec-retary of the CCPR, said he was delighted at the suggestion that there should be a confederation of all governing bodies. "We will be having discussions with the BOA in the new year," he said.

He pointed out that all the members of the BOA, except luge, were also CCPR members. "This demonstrates our

mutual interest," he said. However, he added that the BOA's first duty is to the Olympic sports. There are other very significant activi-ties," he said. "The Games only take place every two years. There are issues that the BOA cannot tackle." Lawson, like other influen-

tial figures in British sport. wants to see the minister for sport chairing the proposed UK. Sports Commission (UKSC), on which the CCPR and the BOA are expected to be represented. The government, though, has yet to be persuaded that this is the most efficient way forward.

UKSC is established, we want to see where we want to be on the non-governmental side of sport. We have to be prepared to discuss it." The proposal is that the UKSC will represent both the non-governmental side and the Sports Council, whose members are appointed by the government and which is funded by tax-payers.

Reedie has also proposed

Craig Reedie, the chairman of the BOA, said: "Once the

that the BOA should appoint a full-time solicitor to help save money and that the vote should be given to the competitors' representatives on the

FIXTURES

**FOOTBALL** 

Peterborough v Kingstonian (2.0)......

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bohemians v St Patrick's (8.0); Dundalk v Drogheda (8.0).

**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE (7:30): First di-vision: Bradford Northern v Halifex; Feetherstone Rovers v Huti. Si Helens Widnes; Westellad Trays v Huti. R. Sacond division: Huddensfeld v Ryedale; Swinton v Doncaster.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Mort. First division: Themes Valley Tigers v Derby

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: Middleweight bout: Richie Woodhall (Telford) v Art Serwano (Califor-nia) (at Telford).

SNOOKER: World Matchplay tournament

FA Cup First-round replay

Bardays League First division

Tranmere v West Ham (7.30)..

#### CYCLING

## Increase in drug testing planned for time-trials

By PETER BRYAN

ICE HOCKEY

Young players impress

Complègne: The British team because of injury, illness and was in good spirits as it made work commitments.

hiş own.

TIME-TRIALISTS, the largest group of competitive riders in Britain, who take part in unpaced events lasting from ten miles to 24 hours, face drug tests outside competitions for the first time next year, under the Sports Council's drug control programme. At the annual meeting of the national council of the Road Time Trials Council (RTTC) on Sunday, a pro-posed change to the rules which would allow the tests is likely to go through unop-posed. The RTTC received a grant from the Sports Council of £7,000 this year, and later made a donation of £4,000 towards the training costs of

the British Olympic team time-trial squad. Drug tests carried out on 75 time-trial competitors in 11 events during the season

produced one positive result.

the two hour journey from

Viry-Chatillon, on the southern outskirts of Paris, to Com-

piègne, some way to the north

of the French capital, for the

second of its two games (Norman de Mesquita writes).

Wednesday's 5-3 victory left

the players and coaches feel-

ing optimistic as they start to

look further ahead to pool B of the world championships in

But the RTTC refused this week to name the rider, believed to have exceeded the caffeine limit by drinking unusual quantities of tea during the national 24-hour

championship in June. The RTTC's national committee wants to see the rule changed so that it will be able to conduct tests "on anybody who entered any event held under the council's regula-

tions since January 1 of the previous year and impose penalties. Of the 112 reported acci-

dents in time-trials this year, 20 involved collisions with stationary vehicles. There were four fatalities, one by natural causes, and the RTTC again strongly recommended that competitors should wear safety helmets. It estimates that more than 50 per cent of riders do so.

Anthony Payne and Paul Dixon had limited opportuni-

ties, but did not look out of

place when they did get into

the action, while Shaun John-

son, who completed a forward

line with Payne and Kevin

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# Practice offers a refuge for a tortured genius

TODAY, the Davis Cup Final begins here: United States v the hands of lawyers. Switzerland. Rather like the US fifth Fleet against the Swiss navy. It is also the next stage in John McEnroe's 20-year-long public search for calm. His chances of success have always seemed about the same as those of the Swiss

I watched him practice on Thursday, baggy shorts and a scruffy T-shirt, thinning bair and the face of a colicky baby. He galloped along the baseline to execute a classic running pass missed it. Rage crossed his face like a flash of forked lightning. He let out a quick roar of self-loathing. Even in practice, McEnroe is an unquiet man.

The practice was held be-hind closed doors, because they don't want Mac to be bothered. For McEnroe is on the news pages once again: his marriage with Tatum O'Neal collapse. McEnroe has said nothing himself, but he has announced, through lawyers, in the American way that yes,

Tatum's father, Ryan

O'Neal has been quoted as talking about a reconciliation. but bringing in lawyers, in any matter, tends to be a drastic step. People are already specument and the correct way to divvy up a fortune estimated at

Meanwhile, the practice session was remarkable for the presence of two jolly little lads racketing about in the seats. occasionally asking the players for another tennis ball to play with McEnroe walloped a ball out to them: his boys. They, and his daughter Emily, are here in Texas with a couple of nannies. No Tatum.

For most people, marriage is the most recklessly optimis-tic thing they do in their entire lives. It is always sad to learn of the death of hope. For some reason, it is doubly sad to read of the apparent end of McEnroe's marriage.
McEnroe has always lived

on a knife-edge of near-crazi-

Tomorrow: J McEnroe and P Samprae v Rosset and Hlasek.

that his ability to find the most extraordinary fits of inspiration, to play tennis that seemed far beyond the capaci-ty of his frail-looking body, could only come from the most extraordinary personality. His cosmic rages were not

so much disgraceful as pro-foundly disturbing at times he seemed, quite literally, like a man possessed by the devil. More than any other athlete, he seemed a man cursed Several million words have

been written about McEnroe's marriage: how he learned calm, maturity, balance: the end of self-obsession, the begirming of a sane perspective on life and its tribulations. All

because of prying press-men, but because McEnroe has a streak of compulsive honesty. Tennis thrives — like all other sports — on the public fascina-tion with the people who play it. Tennis, smarter than most sports, feeds on this. All players must give a press conference after every match.

The press conference is a parade of piffle, cliché, selfaggrandisement and self-reve-lation. Always intriguing-often fascinating. McEnroe has invariably used his press conferences, almost despite himself, as a part of the process of coming to terms with the turnoil of victory and defeat. Press conference. shower, massage a kind of

He is honest almost despite himself, honest almost to a fault. And time and again, he has spoken about marriage and parenthood, the relegation of tennis to a saner place in the cosmic scheme of

Naturally, there have been reversions. The rage has not all gone. McEnroe on court is

But the notion of Mac the mellow father figure somehow has been, for some reason, extraordinarily pleasing. Salvation through domestic-

ity. The roaring champion of former times becomes a lesser player, but a wiser man. If McEnroe can find calm through marriage, then any-body can. The picture was delightful, touching.

Now it has been spoiled. The McEnroe marriage seems to have gone the hum-drum way of the standard American showbiz marriage - or the standard American marriage - or the standard British marriage, come to that. When optimisim is dead. reach for your lawyers.

McEnroe began this week

he has been practising with rounded by the rejuvenating banter of the boy champions. Agassi, Courier and Sampras. In troubling times, the certainties of sport are a great tion from bad thoughts.



Look back in anger: McEnroe's emotions surface at Wimbledon this year

FOOTBALL

## Crystal Palace will claim for compensation

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE loss of John Salako always threatened to be expensive for Crystal Palace, who had pinned a great deal of hope on the England winger leading them away from the

foot of the Premier League.
Yesterday, with Salako ruled out for the rest of the season, the club announced that it was to seek "substantial compensation" from the Football Association for the knee injury that has robbed them of their most dangerous

Salako, 23. underwent a second career-saving opera-tion in 13 months in Los Angeles on Wednesday after collapsing in training with England on the morning of last month's 4-0 World Cup defeat of Turkey. He had just returned to the England squad after a ten-month lay-off with a similar injury.

Yesterday, Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, dis-missed suggestions that Salako would be forced to retire as a player, but then added: "John will certainly miss the rest of the season. I am sure the question of compensation will be raised. Mor-

ally, the FA are responsible. "A player should not be included in an England squad

## Fifa backing for Beirut

BEIRUT will be the host city for a five-nation preliminary qualifying tournament for the 1994 World Cup, the Fifa general secretary. Sepp Blat-

eroup D due to the huge travelling distances involved. was back playing Premier League football and that surely meant he was up to Salako broke down in training with Palace before meeting up with the England squad, but he was passed fit by

if they do not think he is 100

per cent fit. Being clinically objective, they accept him lock,

stock and barrel. Somebody

said there might be an exclu-

sion on John's left knee, but I

cannot understand that John

England physio, Fred Street, five days before the Turkey World Cup qualifier. John trained twice a day for three days with England before he broke down again." lan Atkins, Birmingham City's player-coach, is expected

to be confirmed today as the new manager of Cambridge United. The 35-year-old former Shrewsbury, Sunderland and Ipswich defender, who also played for Birmingham and Everton, had talks with Reg Smart, the Cambridge chairman, yesterday. The former England mid-

field player, Steve Williams, manager of Exeter City after a dispute with the club's manager, Alan Ball. He will, however, stay at the club as a player.

ter, announced yesterday.
He said that a preliminary
phase would be held for Asian

ing event since 1974 in a city where life is returning to normal after the agonies of

The matches, involving Lebanon, India, Hong Kong, South Koren and Bahrain, will be played from from May 7 to 15 next year (Reuter)

## Ball rolls Montgomerie's way

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN MELBOURNE

COLIN Montgomerie has not been blessed with the best of luck in recent months, but he had a stroke of good fortune on the way to a 66, six under par, which gave him a share of the first-round lead in the Johnnie Walker Classic on the Royal Melbourne course here

When Montgomerie arrived on the 5th green, which slopes from back to front, he found his seven-iron approach came to rest in a small indentation. He marked the ball, replaced it and began to

THE SHRINKING PUTT

practise his putting stroke. "I had a feeling that the ball might start to move so I didn't address it," Montgomerie The ball did move off its little perch, a quarter of an inch or so, and I turned to Ian

Baker-Finch, my playing part-ner, for advice. Then the ball started to gather pace, and it rolled 15 to 20 feet down the bound to call an official and Trevor Herden, the tourns-

according to Rule 20-4/1 Montgomerie was fully enti-tled to put out from where the ball had come to rest. "He told me that if the ball had run on into the hole then it would have counted as a one," Montgomerie added.

The Scot took advantage of the situation, holing from nine feet for a two, one of six birdies in a near-flawless round which enabled him to finish alongside Robert Allenby, the young Australian, at the top of the

John Glover, the rules secretary of the Royal and Ancient, confirmed that Montgomerie was entirely in order. "In cases such as this there are good ball could have rolled into a bunker." he said.

Montgomerie refused to be intimidated by a course which is rated the world's best by Ben. Crenshaw. When he did drive into bushes, at the 4th, he struck a glorious wedge shot of 121 yards to salvage his par. Out in 31. Montgomerie was in two bunkers at the 11th but he coaxed the ball in from 20 feet for a par and reached the green at both the long 14th and 17th holes with two woods to set up further birdies.

"That is one of the best competitive rounds I've played," he said. "I feel very good about my game, and confident that I can win. I'm determined to finish the sea-

der Valde (Holf), M Clieyton, F Nobilo (NZ), P
O'Malley, R Bactosell, 70t. M Allen, R Davis,
A Megee (US), B King, D Cole, R Profes, L
Wassle, D Migovic (Carl), 71; C Gray, P
Jones, O Seitherg, (Swee), V Sroyl, (Fill), S
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(GB), I Bailer-Frinch, 74; S Flichertons (GB),
M Gales (GB), K Singh (Fil), M Mackenzie
(GB), J Van de Velde (Fil), M A Jiminsz
(Sp), 75; D Wotton (SA).

## Faldo breezes into first-round lead

whelming favourite to win the Million Dollar Challenge in Sun City and yesterday Nick Faldo showed why. The Open champion and world No. I took a one-shot first-round lead in the lucrative, exclusive South African tournament, overcoming fierce heat and a tricky wind more convincingly than any of his rivals. Faldo compiled a three-

holes on the back nine. Behind him at the head of a the ten-strong field, Ernie Els, 23, one of South Africa's most talented young golfers, was level with his compatriot, David Frost, on 70.

As ever when Faldo is in form, he displayed a mixture of confidence and determination afterwards: "I'm playing well, I'm swinging well." he said, "but the next three days are going to be tough.

Today, the breeze made you think a bit, but it kept you cool." It was a good job too, with temperatures at one stage reaching between 36 and 38.

degrees centigrade. Not surprisingly, Els admitted he was suffering from nerves as he teed off with a field that includes seven of the world's top ten players, includ-ing the defending champion. Bernhard Langer, of Germany, Fred Couples, of the United States, and José

Maria Olazabal, of Spain, compening for prizes worth a total of \$2.5 million, including the sport's richest first prize of \$1 million.

While Faldo prospered. however, Ian Woosnam struggled. He finished at the bottom of the field with a score of 75 after a disastrous round that started with a double bogey on the first hole. SCORES: 68: Al Feldo (GB). 70: E Sis (SA); D Prost (SA). 72: J M Olegates (Sc). N Pros (Zm). 73: J Cock (US), B Langer (Gar). 74: F Couples (US), C Parry (Aus). **RUGBY UNION** 

## Lions resist lure of sponsorship lucre

ALTHOUGH the tide of commercialism creeps ever forward in rugby union, the British Isles touring team - the Lions - keeps it at arm's length. Yesterday, Scottish Provident announced a broadcast sponsorship agreement with ITV worth £600,000. New Zealand next summer, but offers for the touring team

itself have been firmly rejected. In the southern hemisphere, sponsorship of the national place — the XXXX Wallables, Lion Lager South Africans. Steinlager All Blacks - but the committee of the four home offers to sponsor the Lions. it has, however, agreed to

redesign the jersey badge, which comprises the emblems adding a lion above the crest and amending the wording below. "If it is ever decided to market the Lions shirt commercially, we will have the exclusive rights," Air Commodore Bob Weighill, the four home unions committee secre-

As far as next year's tour is concerned, there has been pressure from New Zealand to accept a sponsor with interests

both there and in Britain. But they have been kept off limits, as have offers to sponsor the five nations' championship in its entirety; acceptance of the latter, of course, would put at risk the individual match sponsorships presently in place and which bring in considerable revenue.

The agreement between Scottish Provident, the financial services firm, and ITV as well as the Lions. It may be worth more than the initial outlay, too, if plans to help grass-roots development of the game come to fruition in the

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The company will receive for its money, exposure before Saturday specials during the tour, which begins on May 22 and ends on July 3.

be screened live in the early hours of June 12, June 26 and July 3, and will be replayed at more sociable hours. "It will be the most extensive coverage of a Lions tour to New Zealand there has ever been." Bob Burrows, head of ITV Sport, said.

#### Moon rises in the east

RUPERT Moon, the English-man who declared for Wales last season by virtue of residence, will captain East Wales in the inaugural trial match against West Wales in Cardiff on December 28.

"Wales is probably the only major rugby-playing nation without some form of regional competition and I think it is something from which we can gain a great deal," Jeff Young, the Welsh Rugby Union tech-nical director, said.

Moon's stand-off half at

NISHINOBITYA, Japan: Men's tourne-ment: Plast-round leaders (Japanese un-less stated): 67: N Ozaki, 88: D Ishii (US) 69: T Watanebe, 70: S Okuda, T Hamilton

Llanelli, Colin Stephens, will play against him when he partners Neil Jenkins, of Ponpartners Neil Jenkins, of Pontypridd, where he lives.
EAST WALES: M Rayer (Caroff); A Herries (Newbridge), R Eldgood (Newport), M Ring (Caroff), N Weilers (Caroff); N Jenkins (Pontypridd), R Moon (Lenelli, captain); M Geriffins (Caroff), G Jenkins (Swenses), L Mustre (Pontypool), M Budd (Caroff), G O Llevelly, (Nestr), A Copery (Jamell), G George (Newport), S Lagge (South Wales Police).
WEST WALES: I Jones (Lenell); I Evens (Lenell, captain), M Hall (Caroff), S Gabbs (Swenses), W Proctor (Lenell); C Stephens (Lanell), R Jones (Swenses); R Evens (Linell), R Thomas (Swenses), A Poynolds (Swenses), P Davies (Linell), P Arnold (Swenses), P Davies (Linell), P Arnold (Swenses), S Ventes (Swenses), S Oswies (Swenses),

IN BRIEF

#### Hendry opts out of league

Sicphen Hendry, the defend-ing champion, will not take part in the 1993 Matchroom European Snooker League ALAN Wynn Thomas, the because of his hectic schedule. Hendry, who will concentrate instead on the biggest

tournaments, plays in the Coalite World Matchplay, starting in Doncaster today. S Africa for sevens Rugby league: South Africa

will take part in Australia's international seven-a-side tournament in February. Batsmen signed up

Cricket: Charles Mulraine and Michael Powell, batsmen who will tour with junior England sides this winter. have accepted contracts with Warwickshire for next season. ☐ Nottinghamshire have unveiled plans for a new £1.5 million stand with 1,600 seats and banqueting facilities. ☐ Alec Stewart has been reappointed captain of Surrey.

Price reaches final Bowls: John Price, the holder, will play Graham Robertson. of Scotland, in the final of the CIS (Insurance) Scottish Mas-

#### YACHTING

under-par round of 69, in-

cluding four birdies, three of

## Thomas weathers stormy spell

By KEITH WHEATLEY

only British yachtsman left in the Vendée Globe solo rounddescribed the Biscay storm last week, in which Nigel Burgess drowned, as "almost the worst I've ever encountered". Thomas, who is lying third

aboard Cardiff Discovery, is furious with the French race officials because three days elapsed before he learned that Burgess had gone overboard and drowned — and then via a fax from his wife.

## Cape winds fail Jeffes

Cape Horn: Paul Jeffes and (Barry Pickthall writes).

being caught by Rhone-Pou-

The state of the s

Twice I was given the impression during radio 'chat shows' back to Paris that Nigel had been picked up alive but injured." Thomas said. A con-CALTY OTL"

versation with the race director. Phillippe Jeantot. confirmed the tragedy. Thomas also learnt that Coyote, the yacht of the missing American competitor. Mike Plant, had been found capsized. "I felt very, very upset at the

news. I poured a bottle of whisky into the sea to honour them." Thomas said.

As Jeffes drifted south of the

Horn. Rhone-Poulenc closed

week for mast repairs.

his Interspray crew, languishing in ninth place on the second leg of the British Steel Challenge race, reached Cape Horn at Sam yesterday and were still there 12 hours later

Horn. Rhone-Poulenc closed the gap to 145 miles. Postnoiks (ar 1500 GMT vesterday with miles to Hoberth: 1, Nuclear Electric (1 Chitarden), 4,743; 2. Commercial Umon (Ri Maninealmen), 4,876; 3. Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 4,903; 4. Holbrau Lager (P Goss), 4,950; 5. Brissh Steef II of Tudon, 4,968; 6, Heath Insured (A Dornoven), 4,976; 7, Pride of Teesside (I MacGilliery), 4,986; 8, Group 4 (M Golding), 5,057; 3, IriasSpray (P Jeffes), 5,360; 10, Phone Poulenc (P Philips), 5,506.

Il Report filed by STC satellite phone; positions supplied by British Telecom. Last week, Interspray got stuck in a hole in the wind and lost four days. Even Group 4 Securitas, which diverted to Florianopolis to replace broken rigging, overtook them. Now, in another hole, they are in danger of

"I didn't think of turning back. Nigel, Mike and all those supporting us have put so much into this, one must

During the storm that also forced six other skippers to head back for repairs, Cardiff Discovery had four reefs in the main and no headsail. She punched into short high seas and gales of over 50 knots. Thomas slackened off the

rigging, supporting the 80ft mast, and allowed it to whip around. Otherwise, he believes, it would have snapped off at deck level. Everything below deck was torn loose and became wet and lost-electrical lenc, which lost three days power made it impossible to putting into Port Stanley this pump water ballast for 48

> Since it looked too dangerous to tack, Thomas kept heading west out into the Atlantic before tacking on to starboard and heading south. He pointed out that all those boats who went in close to Cape Finisterre "copped it". As a substitute for company aboard Cardiff Discovery, Thomas said he played his trumper through what he

describes as "the long, long

# BASKETBALL.

EUROPEAN CLUSS\* CHAMPIONSHIPSemi-final series: Group B: Real Madrid
93, Mecheten (Bei) 78.
CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Fleet division:
Mer: Oldriem Cabics 69 (Henderson 22),
Chischre Jets 68 (Henrin 19), Thomas 18).
NATIONAL BASIGETBALL ASSOCIATION
(MBA): Portiand Trail Blazers 112, Indiana
Pacers 103, New Jersey Nets 122, Attanta
Hawks 115; San Antonio Spurs 98.
Priladelphia 76ers 82: Boston Celtos 101,
Chicago Buffs 96; Miwaulees Bucks 100,
Mamm Heat 97; Charlotte Homeits 111,
Golden State Wannore 110.

BOBSLEIGHING

ALTENBERG, Germany: Two-man World Cup: 1, W Hoppe and R Hannsmann (Gar). Imm 54.90ac: 2, G Weder and D Semeano (Switz), 1:55.13; 3, G Huber and 3 Toci (N, 1:55.80, Overall positions (alter three of ab. races): 1, Wader, 107pts; 2, B Shirner (US), 89; 3, Huber, 85.

COATBRIDGE CIS Immunice Scotlish massers: Quarter-Snale: G Robertson (Sout) bit R Corsis (Sout), 4-7, 7-4, 7-5; A Thomson (Eng) bt D Gourtey (Sout), 2-7, 7-6, 7-8. Semi-finate; J Pribe (Wales) bit A Allcock (Eng), 7-0, 7-4; Robertson bit Thomson, 7-6, 7-4

LIVERPOOL: England v Ireland ameteur international (England names first). Ryweight P Ingle (Scarborough) to D Welly (Holy Trinis), not and md. Feather: T Mutholland (Irenspori) loss to P Ireland St Malachys), not and md. Welter: M Sanhar (Brminghern Chy) by J McComnack (St Savouria), obs. P Burs (General) lost to E Reher (Holy Thrity), pts. P Richardson (Phil Thomas ABC) by M McEktics (Edandssy), pts. Light-middler, R Reid (Wamngton) by N Reid (Donore), not and Manno) lost to D Galver (Racebridge) by M Delandy (Repton) lost to D Galver (Bracebridge) by M Delancy (Holy Thriny), pts. Heavy: P Lawson (Repton) lost to D Colver (Bracebridge) by M Delancy (Holy Thriny), pts. Heavy: P Lawson (Repton) by P Couples (Holy Parmily), pts. Super-heavy; D Holness (St Parschal) lost to G Douglass (Oliver Planted), pts.
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## CYCLING ZLFBCH: Stindey race: Leading positions other third night (Buftzerland unless states): 1, A Beth and P Stroobers (f), 237 Hz. 2, B Reis and K Setschart, 151: 3, E de Wikie (Bel) and J Veggarby (Den), 110.

FOOTBALL Late results on Wednesday
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First division: Dunismiline Q, Monton Q: St. Missen S, Coucled histoid.
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SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Adicias Under-18 Trophy: Humberside 0, Derbyshire 2: Marseyalde 7, Chebrice 1. English Adicias Under-18 Trophy: Humberside 1. English Adicias Under-18 Trophy: Humberside 2, Derbyshire 3. Nottinghamastire Under-19 Cay: Final: High Favement College 2.

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DUTCH CUP: Leak 16: Fortura Sitterd 0.

Aleman 0 Fortura won 1-0 on penellea; FC Den Bosch 2, Vilesse Amhem 1: FSV Endpowen 2, FC Ureck 1; Feyencond 3, Qen.1; FC Growingen 2, Eussister Rotardium 1.

···ICE HOCKEY RETERNATIONAL MATCH: France S. Greet British 5 (in Viry-Chelifort). NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (MHL): New York Françers 5, Debroit Red Winge 3; Winnipeg Jets 3, Calgary Flames 3.

(US).

EL KANTACUI: TUNISIAN SENIORS
CHAMPIONSHIP: First-round leaders (all
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Coverey, 73: T Horton, B Hudchirson, A
Skentik, H Bennemen 74: J Hamilton, S
Carter, M Murphy, 75: P Butter, H Boyle, B
Large, D Taibot. RUGBY UNION Students 12
TOUR MATCH: British Police 3, New
Zealand Combined Services 25 (at
Northampton).

SOUASH KARACHI: Pakanan Oper: Quarter-finale: S Paris (GS) bi M Machean (GS), 14-16, 15-6, 15-6, 15-8. P Marshall (GS) bi B Marsh (Ms), 8-15, 15-10, 17-14, 15-10, jahangir (Msn. Paid bi R Norman (NZ), 15-11, 15-10, 15-8; Jansher Khan (Paid bi R Eytes (Aus), 15-9, 15-13.

Northampton).

SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPION-SHIP: Final: Edinburgh 17, Abardean 5 (at Bumbrae).

TENNIS PERTIH: West Australian Open: First round (Australia unless steled): D Adams bt P Raiter, 7-6, 4-6, 7-6; L Pass (India) bt L Treiaman (In., 6-4, 7-6, L Bale (SA) bt M Michalia (IS), 6-3, 6-4, M Daniel (Isr) bt D Johnson (US), 6-3, 6-2; C Balley (GB) bt A Chang (US), 7-5, 6-7, 7-6; S Touca (Ge) bt D Nathlan (SA), 3-5, 6-4, 6-4; D Patten bt M Patchey (GB), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; K Minnear (US) bt S Cole (GB), 2-6, 8-4, 7-5.

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bt S Cole (GB), 2-6, 8-4, 7-5.

MILDURA, Australia: Women's tourne-ment: Second round (Australia unless stated): T Price (SA) bt S Podishova (C2), 6-2, 6-4; K Sharpe bt J Limmer, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; M Jacquard-Lai bt L Stacey, 2-6, 7-5, 6-0; Park Sumphree (S Kor) bt A Blumberga (Lel), 6-0, 5-7, 6-4; E Smyle bt K-A Quise, 5-7, 7-8, 6-4; T Krizan (Sko) bt N Parti, 6-2, 6-4; R De Los Rios (Par) bt M Mrcz (Pol), 6-2, 6-2, M Jouban (SA) bt K Radiord, 6-3, 6-2.

EQUESTRIANISM

#### Whitaker aiming to prove point Bordeaux: Joe Turi, the only

Briton to finish in the top three at a World Cup show this season, heads the British team at the Bordeaux Show this weekend (Jenny MacArthur writes). Veronique Whitaker; Tina Cassan, Peter Murphy and Robert Smith complete the squad. Bordeaux is the seventh

qualifying round for the World Cup final, which takes place in April. The top 19 riders on the western European League qualify. Unusually. a Briton has no rider in the top 19. Turi is the highest placed - lying twentieth. Whitaker, who last compet-

ed at Bordeaux 15 years ago, is still smarting over her exclusion from the Olympia World Cup show this month. Because of the number of foreign competitors they have to take. Olympia has room for only the top 11 British riders. Whitaker, who won the Olympia qualifier last year, is thirteenth. "It is very frustrating," Whitaker said yesterday.
There is nothing I can do but it would be nice to get some points this weekend."

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6.00 Ceafax (83452) 6.30 Breakfast News (40236810)
9.05 Kitroy: Robert Kitroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (2110384) 9.45 Ross King. Ouz show. The guest is former borong champion Henry Cooper (s) (8102278) 10.00 News, regional news and weather (3934384) 10.05 Playdays. For

the very young (r) (s) (9540617)

10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine scnes (48093452)

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12.15 Pebbie Mill. Judi Spiers is joined by *Top Gear's Jeremy Clarkson* and singer Rose Mario. There is also a recorded interview with the witeran Hollywood star Rod Steiger (8818636) 12.55 Regional News and weather (65942094)

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (39346) 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (21383452) 1.50 Eldorado (r). (Ceefax) (s) (37630907)

2.20 Going for Gold The debonair Henry Kelly with another round of the

2.20 Going for Gold The debonair Henry Kelly with another round of the general knowledge quiz with European contestants (s) (99487704) 2.45 The Flying Doctors. Medical drama series set in the Australian outback (9812902) 3.30 Tore and Jerry Double Bill (5492384) 3.45 Bump (r) (6193384) 3.50 Christopher Crocodlie. Animation. With the voice of Derek Griffiths (7710623) 3.55 Superbods. Nicola Davies and Philip Hawthorn continue their journey round the human body (5471891) 4.10 Chipmunks Go to the Movies (s) (8079907) 4.35 Record Breakers presented by Roy Castle and Cheryl Baker. Includes strong men tacking the formidable McGlashen Stones and guest Michael Palin. (Ceefax) (s) (5143907) 5.00 Newsround. (9631097) 5.05 Byker Grove. Drama series set in a Gaordie youth club. (Ceefax) (1951425) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (712758). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Cestax)

Weather (87)
6.30 Regional News Magezines (839). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (3013)
7.30 Don't Walt Up. George Layton's amiable comedy series starring
Tony Britton and Nigel Havers as father and son doctors (r).
(Ceefax) (s) (723). Northern Ireland: Sportscene



Heart-warming tales of kindness: Esther Rantzen (8.00pm)

8.00 Hearts of Gold. The first of a new series of three programmes in which Esther Rantzen highlights the work of unsung heroes and herokes. With Mike Smith, Timmy Mallett, Michaela Strachan and Angela Rippon. (Ceefax) (a) (7549)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news

and weather (8162)

9.30 Between the Lines. In the last of the senes about internal police

investigations the deputy chief constable is suspended, Commander Hustable is told to stay at home and Tony Clark is determined to discover why his lover, Jenny Dean, committed suicide. (Ceefex) (s) (129839)

10.10 Terry Wogan's Priday Night. Tonight's guests are Cliff Richard, 'George Sest, Sister Wendy Beckett and Frank Skinner (s) (835075). Northern Ireland: Anderson on the Box

11.00 Ether Frances (1982)

11.00 Film: Frances (1982). CHOICE. The story of Frances Farmer, a rising Hollywood star of the 1930s whose career disintegrated through mental illness, makes a long, grueiling and sometimes disjointed film but one worth catching for an outstanding central performance from Jessica Lange. Farmer was a tragic victim, of the Hollywood studio system. Lange. Farmer was a tragic victim, of the Hollywood studio system and of a devious and domineering mother (strongly portrayed by Kim Stanley), but her own volatile temperament also contributed to her fall. In capituring Farmer's vulnerability, along with her undoubted screen presence, Lange presents a rounded characterisation to which the later part of the film, charting the star's bleak progress through a brutal system of mental care, forms a harrowing counterpoint. Graeme Clifford directs with a solemnity appropriate to the thems. (Caetax) (s) (11151520). Northern treland: Terry Wogan's Night Out 11.50-1.20am Film: Sins of the Mother 1.15am Weather (3825679)

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8.00 Breakfast News (5456520) 8.15 Westminster (5552907)
9.00 Another War, Another Peace. Magnus Magnusson explores what life was like in the 1940s and 1950s (36810)
9.30 Film: All Over Town (1937, b/w) starring Ole Olsen and Chic Johnson. Low budget comedy directed by James Home (21043)
10.30 Film: Mary of Scotland (1936, b/w) The John Ford season continues with this levels himsel of the hearistman Mary Street. continues with this levish biopic of the headstrong Mary Stuart, starring Katharine Hepburn in the title role (12907)
12.30 Michael Barry's Choice Cuts. Cakes (43966013) 12.40 Great

Little Railways. A journey on the Maruchar Express across North West India (r). (Ceetax) (1401094) 1.20 Tales of Aesop (r) (39144452) 1.25 Joshua Jones (r) (11762891)

1.35 Another War, Another Peace. Magnus Magnusson with news from 1945 (37644100) 2.00 Naws and weather (89411181) 2.05 Michael Barry's Choice

Cuts. Recipes using lamb (19778346)

2.15 Sport on Friday introduced by Helen Rollason. Skiing: highlights of the opening round of the World Cup season from Sestriere in Italy. The featured event is the men's stalom; Footbalt: a round up of the week's Premier league action. With News (Ceefax) and weather at 3.00 and 3.50 (315988)

4.00 Catchword. Game for wordsmiths, hosted by Paul Coia (s) (452)

4.30 Behind the Headlines. With Shyama Perera (636)
5.00 Delia Smith's Christmas (r). (Ceefax) (1891)
5.30 Top Gear. Includes a visit to the Motorcycle show at the NEC in

5.30 Top Gear. Includes a visit to the Motorcycle show at the MCC In Birmingham (r) (s) (988)
5.00 Stingray. Puppet series from the 1960s (r). (Ceefax) (485013)
6.25 The Man From UNCLE. Secret agent spoof starring Robert Vaughn and David McCallum (r). (Ceefax) (413452)
7.15 Dr Who. Episode three of a five-part story starring Jon Pertwee (r) (300278). Followed by Advant Calendar
7.40 What the Papers Say. With The Guardian's Alan Rusbindger (200830)

(200839) 8.00 Public Eye: School Blazers. Barbara Altounyan reports on the

damage caused by the wilful burning of schools, the cost of which last year alone came to an estimated £78 million (7075)

8.30 The Living Garden. The series on what makes a garden grow continues with a look at insects and how to exterminate the tructive ones and nurture the ones that need to be kept.



Copy-cat architecture: the Egyptian style in Paris (9.00pm)

9.00 The Face of Tutankhamun

 CHOICE: Having covered Howard Carter's spic discovery in the Valley of the Kings, Christopher Frayling moves on to the "Tut mania" which followed it. As Carter settled down to the hard slog of cataloguing his find, a task that was to take ten years, ancient Egypt was suddenly all the rage. It influenced the design of picture palaces and the films that went into them. It stormed the fashion collections. The Nile style combined with art deco on pottery and in New York's Chrysler building, Wilson, Keppel and Betty toured the music-halls with their priceless sand dance. In the 1970s the mania started all over again as the King Tut refics toured the world, drawing millions and spawning a tucrative souvenir business. It is a hugely entertaining story and Frayling, as befits a professor of

cultural history, gives it full value (114471)

9.50 Sister Wendy's Odyssey. Sister Wendy Beckett continues her journey around Britain's art treasures in Oxford. (Ceefax) (765297)

10.00 Have I Got News For You. Rude and irreverent toploal quiz chaired by Argus Deayton. This week Ian Histop and Paul Marton are joined by Jo Brand and Neil Kinnock (s) (24075) 10.30 Newshight with Sue Cameron (242029)

11.15 Weather (360452) 11.20 Film: Les Dames du Bois de Boulogne (1946, b/w). The French

Film Classic season continues with Robert Bresson's second feature, a story of love and revenge scripted by Jean Cocteau. Starring Paul Bernard, Maria Casares and Elina Labourdette. In French with English subtities (713177)

12.45am Behind the Headlines. Shown at 4.30pm (2116740). Ends at

#### ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am (5884471) 9.25 Keynotes. Music game hosted by Alistair Divall (6077278) 9.65 Thames News (9559365) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Discussion programme (9113346)

10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine series. Today's edition includes fashion news and consumer advice from Anne Robinson at the Good Housekeeping Institute (25439029)

12.10 Rainbow. Early learning series (r) (6561891)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News. (Oracle) Weather (1418384) 1.05 Thames

News (40679487) 1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) (859297)

1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama (s) (858568) 2.15 Highway To Heaven. Jonathan the apprentice angel becomes the ghost of Christmas future in order to highlight the dangers of hemical and nuclear pollution (7487839)

3.10 TTN News headlines (7930384) 3.15 Thames News headlines (7939655) 3.20 GP. Medical drama set in a suburban Australia surgery (3857988)

3.50 Scooby Doo (5474988) 4.05 Astro Farm. Last in the pupper animation series about a larming family living in space (s) (7438181) 4.15 Victor And Hugo. More comic misadventures of the incompetent crooks. With the voice of David Jason (s) (8063346)

4.40 Knightmare. Electronic dungeon game (5135988) 5.05 Cartoon featuring Porky Pig (r) (2826346)
5.15 LWT News and weather (8502100)
5.40 Early Evening News. (Oracle) Weather (510907)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (655)
6.30 Park High. The fourth of a six-part fly-on-the-wall series about life in a suburban comprehensive (r) (907)
7.00 Through the Keyhole presented by David Frost. Celebrity identifies show with Loyd Grossman. With Alan Coren, Eve Pollard and Doc Cox. (Oracle) (s) (8181)

Cox. (Oracle) (s) (8181)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (891) 8.00 Gone to Seed. Tony Grounds's comedy-drama follow-up to Gone to the Dogs, starring Alison Steadman, Jim Broadbent, Warren Clarke and Sheila Hancock, with Peter Cook. (Oracle) (s) (2017)



Searching for evidence: West, Morrissey, Dalton (9.00pm)

9.00 Framed

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○ CHOICE: Lynda La Plante's thriller got off to a slow and conventional start but this week it definitely moves up a gear. At its heart is still the much-used cop show plot of getting a villan to raveal his accomplices in an armed robbery. But La Plante manages to give it a fresh twist, notably by locking up the supergrass (broodingly played by Timothy Dalton) in a safe house with the young detective (David Morrissay) assigned to question him. This allows scope for interplay of character, with the charismatic crook threatening to establish a hold over his uncertain adversary. Meanwhile the plot is developing nicely in the world outside and Timothy West continues to delight with his portrayal of the rough-edoed detective inspector, puffing and couching his way. the rough-edged detective inspector, puffing and coughing his way through an endless supply of cigarettes. (Cracle) (5181)

10.00 News at Ten. (Cracle) Weather (839689) 10.35 LWT News and

weather (683655) 10.40 Aids Update 92. The week's aids review ends with a look at

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10.50 The London Programme (147839)

11.20 Dial Midnight. Phone-in entertainment presented by Anastasia Cooke and Samantha Norman (932013)

12.45am One To One. A new series in which Radio 1 DJ Gary Davies

interviews top recording artists, beginning with Cher (7530583)

1.25 Bob Downe Under. An off-beat look at current Australian trends (2211394)

2.25 CinemAttractions. The latest movie news from the United States (3674037) 2.55 Raw Power. Rock video magazine (s) (3325785)

4.00 The Look in the Mirror. The first of a new French drama series about an American woman photographer living in Paris (48740) 5.30 ITN Morning News (72563). Ends at 6.00

SATELLITE

#### CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cartoons (47162) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (52297) 9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s)

9.25 Film: The Adventures of Mark Twain (1944, b/w) starring Fredric March. An entertaining blopic of the creator of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. Directed by Irving Rapper (20952097)

11.50 Pete Smith Specialities: Pedestrian Safety (b/w) (6905181)

12.00 The Partiament Programme presented by Anne Perkins (41742)

12.30 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning programme (80384) 1.30 The Herbs (75872452) 1.45 The Clangers (75877907) 2.00 Film: When Ladies Meet (1941, b/w). The Joan Crawlord season

continues with this witty comedy drama in which she stars as a successful writer in love with her married publisher. With Robert Taylor, Greer Garson and Herbert Marshall. Directed by Robert

4.00 Travelog. Pete McCarthy and Animatta Forna report from different parts of Russia (r). (Teletext) (s) (520)

4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz (s) (704)

5.00 Cutting Edge: Dispossessed. The work of Westmanster Council's 5.00 Cutting Edge: Dispossessed. The Homeless Persons Unit (r) (5094)

6.09 Blossom. Comedy series about a teenaged girl in an otherwise alt-male Los Angeles household (s) (297)

Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (247891)
 First Reaction, Tim Mellors comments on Bafta's advertising awards (463471)

8.00 Brookside. Suburban Merseyside soap. (Teletext) (5471)



An expensive ride: competing with the social elite (8,30pm)

8.30 Short Stories: The Pony Club.

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CHOICE: Bowler-hatted and formidable, "Granny" Hanks teaches at the Heythrop Hunt, an exclusive pony club in Oxfordshire. Anyone can join, she says, as long as they pay the subscription. The amount of the sub is not revealed but the cost of buying and keeping ponies runs into thousands of pounds a year. No wonder that you can cut the accents with a knife. Veronica Reinhardt's film features a relatively ordinary family which has managed to join this social elite. The Nesbrits, who have two ponyriding daughters, are not poor. Their house looks spacious and it has a swimming pool. But to support the arbitions of young Zee. has a swimming pool. But to support the ambitions of young Zos and Joanne, sacrifices have to be made. Mum works full-time as a hairdresser and there will be no foreign holidey. Can competition success make these deprivations worth while? (1278)

9.00 Spirit of Trees. In the penultimate programme of his senes Dick

Warner visits the world's oldest living trees, in the White Mountains of California. (Teletext) (4100)

9.30 Cheers. The first of a new series of the popular American comedy

about the staff and customers of a Boston bar. (Teletext) (53029) 10.00 Nurses. Miami-based black comedy. (Teletext) (s) (42471) 10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back. With Peter Cook, Thea Vidale and

Harry Carpenter (a) (140617)
11.10 The Word. Youth entertainment magazine (s) (326100)

12.10em Flim: Lilith (1964) starring Warren Beatty and Jean Seberg. An adaptation of J.R. Salamanca's controversial novel about a Korean war veteran who becomes a trainee therapist and embarks on an affair with one of his over-sexed patients. An ambitious, sometimes obscure lest film from director/writer Robert Rossen (19158143)

2.15 Twilight Zone: The Dummy (b/w). A tale of the supernatural, starring Cliff Robertson (1161785)
 2.40 American Football: Play Action (7073969). Ends at 3.10

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Miusic for Strings (BBC SO under Boult), Ireland's Plano Concerto (Edear Joyce and the Halfe under Haward), Gracs Williams's Fantasia on Welsh Nursery Turnes (LSO under Marsell Thomas), and Wallon's Belshazzar's Fast (Il serges) EO under Walton

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with Dennis Noble and the
Huddersfield Choral Society)
4.00 François Couperin: Capriccio
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Strangueros e Sternquerque 4.30 Music from Latin America: Music from Lean America: Lucy Duran introduces the first of three programmes, with music from Cuba and the Dominican Republic

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exhibition of Samuel Palmer at the British Museum, and a new the British Museum, and a new publication of Picasso's complete catalogue of paintings; tooks at the Art Pack, which introduces children to the visual arts; and meets the poet Georgina Blake (s)

4.45 Short Story: Resurrection, by Rhys Davies. Read by Mytanwy Taloo (f)

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6.30 Going Places: The transport
programme with Janet Trewin
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris

10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 Paradise Lost (LW only) John Mittori's poem (23/41) Woman's Hour: Does British justice discriminate against women? Helena Kennedy prosecutes and Anna Worrall defends. The jury includes Tim

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US court rules IAAF 'malicious'

# Judge awards Reynolds £17m damages

HARRY "Butch" Reynolds, the world 400 metres recordholder, was yesterday awarded damages of £17.67 million (US \$27.3 million) in his lawsuit against the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF). It is the largest legal settlement of damages to a competitor in the history of

Even as wealthy a body as the IAAF may have difficulty in finding the money. However, the world governing body will have to pay, unless an appeal is successful. Otherwise all future international athletics meetings in the United States would be in jeopardy, including the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

The United States federal

The United States federal court also ruled that the IAAF was "malicious" in its treatment of Reynolds, who was barred from competing for two years after a positive drugs test in Monte Carlo on August 12, 1990. The IAAF extended the ban on Reynolds until January 1, 1993, for taking part in the 1992 US Olympic trials, after a US Supreme

Reynolds, 28, who won the liver medal at the 1988 Olympics and set the world

two years to prove his innocence. He said yesterday: "My life has been hell. I did nothing wrong. I have proved that. I stood up for what is right. It has made me stronger and I am looking to move on. Time heals all wounds."

Judge Joseph Kearney, a US district judge in Colum-bus, Ohio — where Reynolds lives — found that Reynolds lost \$6.8 million during the suspension and, in addition. he awarded \$20.5 million in punitive damages.
The IAAF has repeatedly

refused to accept Reynolds's claim that he was wrongly suspended. It has also contended that the US courts have no jurisdiction over the IAAF, whose headquarters are in London; indeed, the IAAF was not represented in court in Columbus. Primo Nebiolo, president of the IAAF, has said that the organisation, will never accept a decision of any American court against its

Enrico Jacomini, Nebiolo's chief of staff, said in Rome last night: "There will be no comment from the IAAF nor from the president."

Reynolds claimed yesterday that the extension of the ban to January 1 "crushed me finan-

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Europe, including a show-down with Quincy Watts [the 1992 Olympic champion]". He added that he had spent about \$1 million of his own money on private investiga-tors, lawyers and doctors in the past two years and had lost an estimated \$4-5 million in ap-pearance fees and endorse-

Reynolds, speaking from Louisville, Kentucky, where he is attending the annual meeting of The Athletics Congress (TAC), the national governing body of athletics in the US, said: "I hope this proves my innocence. The court's decision was based on facts. I hope this will restore my name and reputation. I went through a lot of difficulties. both myself and my family. Now I hope to relax a little

The judgment prevents the IAAF from taking action against other athletes who were "contaminated" by competing against Reynolds while the ban was effective.

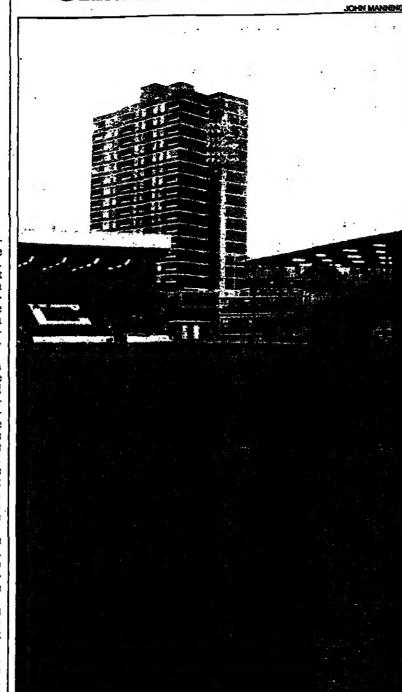
Reynolds's first race after his suspension will be in the Millrose Games in New York on February 5.

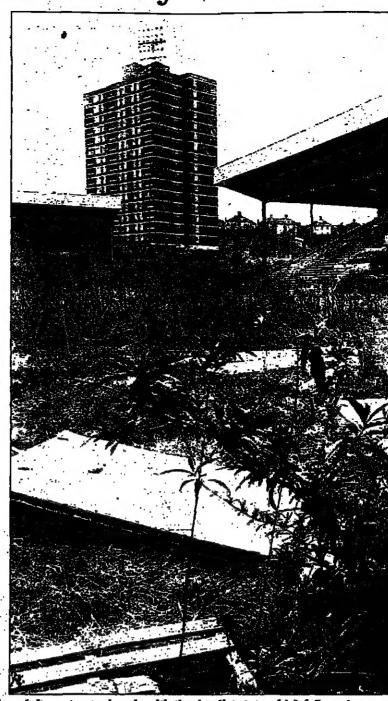
When Reynolds appealed against the ban last May, the IAAF arbitration panel turned down the claim of his lawyers that the drug-testing procedure of the laboratory in Paris had been flawed. This was an argument accepted by TAC, which supported Reynolds in

Reynolds's lawyers argued incomplete, specifically on who in the laboratory handled the ten urine samples taken at the meeting in Monte Carlo and transported to Paris for

The American courts were sympathetic in June when Reynolds turned to them to force TAC to allow him to compete in the US Olympic trials. He finished fifth in the 400 metres final and was named as a reserve for the relay team, but the International Olympic Committee made it clear that he would not be permitted to run in

## Charlton return to their Valley of dreams





Back to the future: the resplendent new ground at The Valley, above left, contrasts sharply with the derelict state which followed Charlton's departure seven years ago. Below, the finishing touches are applied before the club's return to its former home tomorrow



THE Valley is green once more. Where weeds grew seven years ago, there is immaculate sward. The twisted iron and cracked concrete have been replaced by gleaming new stands. After 2,627 days, Charlton Athletic, football's best-known itinerants, return home tomorrow

(Nigel Williamson writes). Since leaving The Valley on September 21, 1985, Chariton and their long-suffering first round the South Circular Road to Selhursi Park and latterly through the Blackwall tunnel to Upton Park. Always the fans dreamed that, one day, Charlton would return home.

They kept up relentless pressure on the club's directors. They formed the Valley Party and put up candidates in local elections. They stumped up more than £1 million of the £4.4 million spent on refurbishing the old ground.

The stage is set and tomorrow, against Portsmooth, the dream becomes reality.

None of the Chariton team which will run out in a new strip has played at The Valley before. For many of the younger supporters,

too, it will be the first visit to the historic ground. Yet all will share the intense emotion

The roars inside The Valley will have a loud and proud ancestry. The Valley once packed in more than 75,000 to see Chadton take on Arsenal. The capacity on the club's return will be 8,900 but that number will be swelled many times over by the ghosts of Charlton past: the manager, Jimmy Seed, who on the only occasion Charlton won the FA Cup, in 1947. dropped the trophy and broke off the top; the remarkable goalkeeper, Sam Bartram, who once took a penalty, hit the bar and as the ball rebounded ran back to save a shot at the other end, Johnny Suramers, who at The Valley on Boxing Day in 1957 hit five goals after Charlton had been 5-1 down to Huddersfield

with half an hour to go. Charlton won 7-6.
Tomorrow, nobody will be surprised if
Charlton get thrashed. They have only won
once since September. Yet defeat will not spoil the party. All that matters this weekend is that the club has come home.

# Liverpool's hopes of reprieve rise

ast month.

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WHORKG MOVE

By RAYMOND KEENE, Chess Correspondent

This position is a variation from the game Danielan -Borisov, Brno 1991. White is quickly before black consolidates. Can you see his winning combination?

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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

NAEVE a. A flaw b. The floor of a chapel c. Simple, ingenuous GARBOIL

a. A skin blister b. Disorder c. Refuse, litter Answers on page 44

MICHER Exaggerated b. A plant container c. A pilferer

a. Neapolitan toy-boys b. Dog's dung

properly registered rests with the home association. THE chances of Liverpool becoming the second English At first, the matter was not thought to be as serious as the

football team to be reinstated one earlier in the season when in European competition this VfB Stuttgart and Leeds Uniseason appear to have imted were ordered to play a third game in a neutral courproved over the past 48 hours. Their case for readmission to the Cup Winners Cup is based upon the possible inelitry after the German club admitted naming four foreign players — one more than is permitted — in their squad for gibility of Mikhail Rusayev. the former Soviet Union interthe second leg of a European Cup tie at Elland Road. national, who appeared as a

substitute for Spartak Moscow However, Uefa, European in both legs of the secondfootball's governing body, has round victory over Liverpool come under considerable pressure in recent weeks to follow Although Rusayev completthe precedent and to rule that Spartak, albeit unwittingly, were in breach of regulations.

ed a transfer from Oldenburg. of the German second divi-Three days ago, Liverpool officials believed that Spartak's failure to register Rusayev would be regarded as sion, to Spartak during the summer, it seems he is still not officially registered with his new club. Under the rules which govern European footlittle more than a technical ball's three leading cup com-petitions, the responsibility for ensuring that all players are offence, and that their hopes of a reprieve were stender. This morning, they believe they

have an even-money chance. Liverpool's fate may not, however, be known today. The question of what punishment should be meted out to Spartak if the case against them is proved is to be discussed by Uefa's control and disciplinary committee, but the form of this hearing will give a clear indication about the likely outcome.

It, as is still possible, the offence is deemed to be of a minor, administrative nature, it will be discussed by the members of the committee by telephone, with a decision likely by early afternoon. If Uefa is considering expelling the Russians, the committee is likely to convene in Zurich over the weekend, so delaying any formal announcement until early next week.

Any serious breach of regulations would almost certainly result in Spartak forfeiting any game in which Rusayev played by the mandatory Uefa scoreline of 3-0. That would give Liverpool a 6-0 aggregate victory. It would also serve to reprieve Avenir Beggen, the Luxembourg representatives who were deseated by Spartak in the first round.

Were Spartak to be elimi-nated, Liverpool and Beggen would be required to play each other at a neutral venue to contest the right to face Feyencord, of Holland, in the quarter-finals in March.

Any game between the clubs is likely be scheduled for early in the new year. A Uefa spokesman said yesterday that the question of Rusayev's eligibility would be discussed this morning. "At this stage, it is not possible to indicate what the outcome might be," he said. "Once a decision has been taken we shall immed-iately issue a statement outlining what action, if any, is to be

## MCC sets up extraordinary meeting

By Ivo Tennant

MCC is to hold its extraordinary general meeting (EGM), to debate a resolution of no confidence in England's selection committee, on January 27 at Westminster Central Hall. Although this venue, which it has used before, will cost £1,000 to hire for the evening. the club is aware that the debate over the dropping of David Gower has become so emotive as to attract a greater number of members than would fit into the indoor school at Lord's.

tenant-Colonel John Stephen-

son, secretary of MCC, said yesterday. "We have no idea

"We still hope to keep our total costs to £17,000." Lieu-

ing out of offices. We are doing our best to get the papers out to members with our Christmas mail to save money." An MCC working party is considering the idea that there should be two speakers on behalf of the club and two representing the sig-

how many members will come

in addition to those who will

vote by post, and could have

put up a marquee or kicked

out the people using the indoor school, but Westmin-

ster is bigger and will be convenient for members com-

Although the EGM has been forced by only 260 of MCC's 17,400 members, it is likely that an amendment to the club's rules will not be

discussed until the annual meeting in May. "It is a ridiculously small number of people who have brought about this EGM on some thing over which we have no control," Lt-Col Stephenson said, "and there were some members who were livid about it at our monthly dinner.

But we should not overreact to members' rights. To try to gag them would prove to be counter-productive. My feeling is that the numbers are acceptable but an extraordinary meeting should relate to affairs of the club. Otherwise we will end up debating whether Mr Lamont should

get the sack." Dennis Oliver, spokesman for the signatories, said he expected the resolution to be passed "by a handsome maiority". Donald Trelford, editor of The Observer, has been deputed to put the signatories' case in MCC's mailing.

Roy Edey. the Kent member who is attempting to bring about a vote of no confidence in the Test and County Cricket Board over the introduction of coloured clothing in the Sunday League, is seeking support from members of all the other first-class counties.

Edey, who has been told he would have to pay for an extraordinary meeting, is concerned that coloured clothing will be introduced for floodlit Test matches in England.

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